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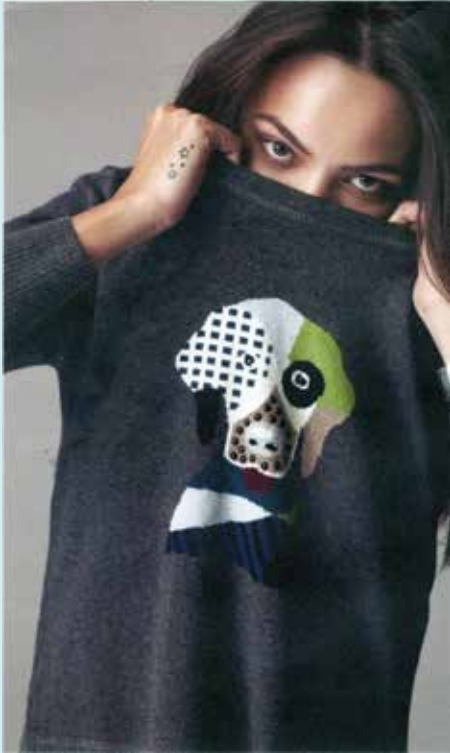
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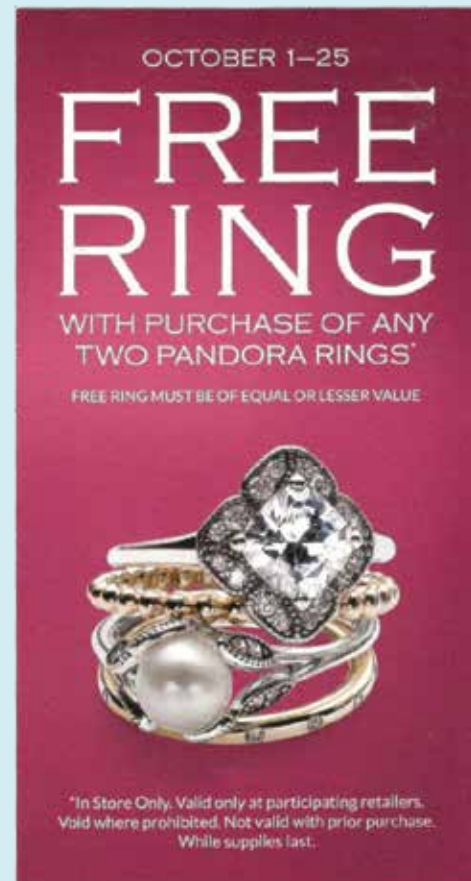
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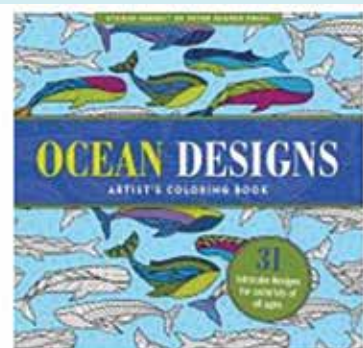
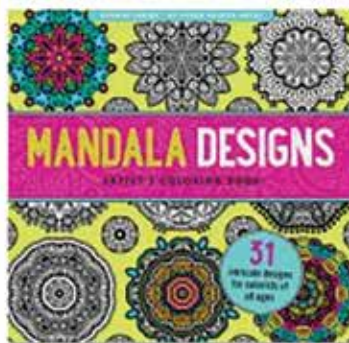
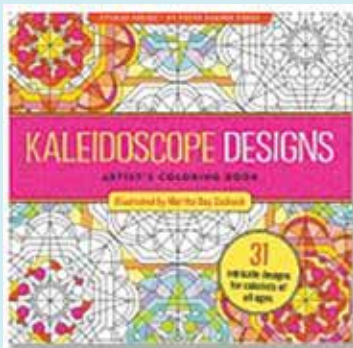


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Fire Station Opens its Doors to the Community

By Jean Perry

Every year, the Mattapoisett Fire Department Open House draws in the community, igniting the imaginations of the little ones and extinguishing ignorance of fire safety with live demonstrations and fun, educational activities for the kids in observance of National Fire Prevention Week.

"To us, it's our big day of the year," said Lieutenant Justin Dubois. The Thursday, October 8 event is the Fire Department's chance to reach out to the community to get out its message of fire prevention. "It's a good day in that we make it a family event that people can come to."

One of the highlights, said Dubois, was the live fire demonstration that showed the nature of how a fire in the home can spread, stressing the importance of working smoke alarms.

Firefighters set up a small model of a living room with a couch, loveseat, curtains – coming as close as a real scenario that they can while still containing the small-scale fire.

"It's to show how quickly a fire can spread," said Dubois. "We had plenty of guys around to keep it mellow, but it ... went fairly quickly."

Dubois stressed caution with some of the many common causes of a fire in the living room – smoking, extension cords covered by carpets, and overloaded electrical outlets are just a few of them.

"We also did a vehicle extraction demonstration that shows the Jaws of Life and how they work," said Dubois. "We pretty much took the car apart to show people, in a car accident, what we do."

Fire Prevention Week was started in 1922 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of October 8, 1871, that burned for two days. It is traditionally observed on the week of October 9, Sunday through Saturday.

On the Cover: Firefighters from the Mattapoisett Fire Department battle a small blaze ignited during a live house fire demonstration on October 8, the day of the Fire Station Open House. Firefighters stage the scene of a living room to show spectators just how quickly a fire can spread throughout a room. Photo by Colin Veitch

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Complete Streets Planning Has Begun

By Marilou Newell

Armed with maps of the town showing "collector roads" in bold relief and "Route 6" even bolder, Bonnie DeSousa began the October 8 public meeting with an explanation.

DeSousa said the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen had approved the public meeting to begin the process of developing a "complete street" plan for Mattapoisett.

The state has \$50 million in grant money earmarked for cities and towns whose planning included a focus on improving streets and sidewalks for the purpose of allowing safer freedom of movement. Plans needed to incorporate a full spectrum of transportation including bicycling and walking.

The planning process began, she said, with a survey posted on the Town website. The survey asked residents to share how they used the roadways for movement other than driving cars, whether they rode bicycles to do errands or walked to church or the library, with what frequency and other pertinent aspects of moving about the town sans vehicle. Eighty surveys have been completed, DeSousa said.

This meeting, arranged in partnership with the Mattapoisett Bike Path and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, would add another layer of information – information necessary in developing a plan that the state would deem worthy of consideration.

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DeSousa also explained that a fully-fleshed plan would be one that the town would adopt as a directive by town departments such as police, fire, and highway. With the implementation of a complete street plan by the town, certification at the state level would open the door to grant applications.

Throughout the hour and a half meeting, a small but earnest group used the maps to illustrate favored walking and cycling routes and where residents felt safety was a problem, such as crossing points along Route 6.

DeSousa also gave the group an update on the current status of the bike path. She said that Phase 1B was awaiting another Massachusetts DOT review on a technical issue that she felt would be cleared up in the next couple of weeks.

During previous meetings with the selectmen, DeSousa had pointed out a \$30,000 shortfall for this phase of the project and a crowd funding effort had begun. On this night, she said \$13,000 had been raised and hoped that asking the townspeople for more money during the fall town meeting could be avoided.

During a review of the maps and the issue of safety, several attendees shared their fear of riding or walking on such much-beloved roadways as Ned's Point Road, Acushnet Road, Long Plain Road, Brandt Island Road, and North Street. They said the speeding cars and narrow streets – most without sidewalks – made it

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Police Chief Mary Lyons said speed-sensing signs on trailers that could alert people to how fast they were going would help, but the one Mattapoisett owns is very old and does not function well. She hoped to receive a positive response from the community when asking for funds to purchase one or two in the future. Lyons also said people could notify the Police Department of traffic or speeding problems via email by simply going to the department's webpage. To DeSousa, Lyons said they could post bicycling safety rules on the Police Department website.

On the issue of safe crossing, Safety Officer Justin King explained that automobile drivers do not have to stop and let pedestrians cross if they are on the sidewalk. And even more alarming to those in attendance was the following: "Cars on the other side of the road don't have to stop and let you cross..." King said. He said cited state law.

DeSousa told the group that the town had received the funds to purchase new flashing pedestrian

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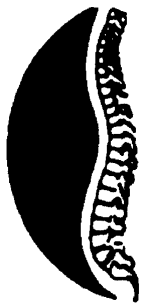
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lights, which would be installed at Route 6 crossings as early as November. It was hoped that the new lights would make drivers more aware when people were attempting to cross Route 6.

The National Complete Street Coalition was initiated in 2004 and has been gaining momentum ever since. Their website states, "A nationwide movement launched by the National Complete Streets Coalition in 2004, Complete Streets integrates people and place in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of our transportation networks."

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No date was set for another public meeting for 'complete street' planning but DeSousa felt this meeting was a good start, "It has been recognized that biking and walking are good for health reasons ... that's why I do this."

Rochester to DEP:

No More Water for New Bedford

By Jean Perry

The Town of Rochester took action in opposition to the requests of the Cities of New Bedford and Taunton for increased water withdrawals from Little Quitticas Pond, saying in a letter addressed to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that the current permitted withdrawals are already excessive and must be reduced.

The letter, signed by all three selectmen and the Rochester Water Commission, states concerns over New Bedford's and Taunton's Water Management Act (WMA) permit renewal requests to increase the maximum millions of gallons per day allowance (MGD), with New Bedford seeking an increase from 20.79 MGD to 22.53



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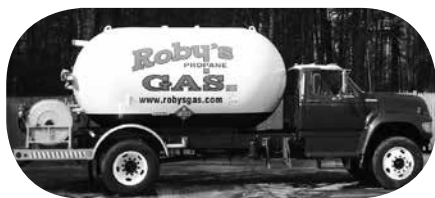
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MGD. Combined, the two cities currently withdraw a total of 28.08 MGD, an amount the Town of Rochester says already exceeds the DEP's own safe yield of 27.5 MGD for Little Quitticas.

As the host community to the New Bedford Water Works and filtration plant, Rochester is required to take certain actions for the benefit of New Bedford, says the letter, providing a bit of background into the increasingly contentious matter. These actions include zoning bylaw changes to accommodate the filtration plant as well as fire and police protection to the facility and surrounding 800 acres of land that New Bedford owns.

All of this service, says Rochester, comes at a cost to the town.

For example, New Bedford makes payments in lieu of taxes that are considerably lower than if the land were taxed at applicable rates. For fiscal year 2015, the city paid \$26,763.17 instead of a tax liability of \$283,600.55.

"There is little, if any, benefit to Rochester in having the New Bedford facility in town," the letter states. "In fact, when asked a few years ago about providing water to portions of Rochester for municipal services, New Bedford has stated that it would provide the water but only at the same rate it charges to any other purchaser."

Rochester says language in the legislature specifically limits MGD withdrawal to the use of the city "resident," but the subsequent DEP permit did not contain that limitation. As the letter states, this led to New Bedford and Taunton removing water and treating it as a for-profit business.

The combined 60 percent increase of the two cities, the letter asserts, comes at a time when the DEP has mandated that other communities be held to withdrawals based on stream flow, and that said withdrawal would be limited to the withdrawal levels of 2003 to 2005. New Bedford's withdrawal during that time was only 12.94 MGD, yet it now asks for 22.53 MGD.

"New Bedford is making money selling water and wants to make even more money," states the letter. "DEP should not be in the business of enabling the

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cities to withdraw in excess of the safe yield of the pond complex merely because cities want to generate revenue."

Rochester believes that, not only are the withdrawal rates excessive and should be reduced, but a portion of the safe yield of Little Quitticas should be reserved for the potential use of surrounding communities.

"New Bedford and Taunton are permitted to withdraw ... in excess of what any expert will tell you is a flawed safe yield that [the DEP has stated] 'does not sufficiently protect water reliability or the environment,'" says the letter. "Now both of the cities have request *{sic}* significant increases in water withdrawal with no ... explanation as to the need for the increase."



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Rochester Town Administrator Michael McCue said the Town of Rochester has recently received a response to the letter that was forwarded to state legislators in support of Rochester's position. Selectmen are hopeful for a positive outcome.

"There appears to be a double standard in place here for what smaller communities are expected to live with and what larger cities are being granted as their right," said Selectman Naida Parker.

The letter, said McCue, has "lit a fire" towards a positive outcome with the assistance of state legislators.

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Police Biggest Expense for Country Fair

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

Rochester Country Fair Board of Directors Co-Chairman Dave Souza lauded the Rochester Fire Department for their accommodation and generosity with resources and manpower during the country fair this year, but expressed disappointment when explaining that police expenses are by far one of the most significant expenditures of the yearly event.

Everything went smoothly during this year's country fair, Souza told the Rochester Board of Selectmen on October 7, although the heat on Saturday and Sunday during the fair kept many people from coming out, which cut into the fair's revenue to cover costs of the fair.

"My only thing with the whole fair ... is the cost of the fair is getting more and more expensive," Souza said, with the biggest expenses being police and fire. "I don't want to fight with police and fire. Fire does awesome for [the fair]."

Souza said the Fire Department charges about half for its support services. "We get a lot, a lot, a lot of stuff," said Souza. But with the cost for police reinforcement, said Souza, the country fair does not get a break.

"Police are different," said Souza, acknowledging that with the police "it's a whole different union system."

"I just wish that we could get that [cost] down and help a bit," said Souza. "We're not out here on [Route] 105 anymore. We're not fighting highways...."

When he takes his son to play soccer on weekends, Souza said, "Watch the amount of cars.... Just as many cars go out," said Souza, but no police presence is required. "We (the country fair) have to have four or five."

Board of Selectmen Chairman Richard Nunes said the Rochester Road Race is in the same pickle.

"I'm not trying to stir up trouble," Souza said. "The fair is a very tough thing to run with the money we have...." Julie [Koczera] and I are very tired ... and as the fair continues to grow, you get more tired."

Nunes questioned whether the parking area of

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the fairgrounds could somehow double as a ball field to help generate revenue for the country fair, but Souza rejected the idea.

"You throw that idea at us, I'll walk away tomorrow," replied Souza. "...But if you want to do it go ahead and do it.... I don't want any part of it." He continued, "Where would it benefit the fair? Where are you gonna park everyone?"

"And then, when you get the grass all nice and pretty, you want people to come and drive their cars on it?" added Julie Koczera, co-chairman of the Rochester Country Fair Board of Directors.

And, unfortunately, our whole society revolves around insurance, as Souza put it.

"That's what's killing us," he said.

There will be no parade for next year's country fair, but the group is working on expanded kids' activities and adding more tractor pulls and wrestling events.

"As much as I'd like to see [the parade], I can't justify the cost," said Koczera. It costs roughly \$800 in mainly police details just for the parade.

The country fair spent about \$52,000 this year.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **October 19** at 6:30 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Two New Car Enterprises Planned

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

Applications for two more licenses to operate automobile businesses in Mattapoisett brings the total to four – four new businesses for the sale of new and/or the sale and repair of used cars.

During the October 13 meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen, Talor Rocha, 3 Church Street, requested a Class II Auto Dealer License.

His business model is similar to the two other retail auto sales businesses recently licensed; the business will operate via the Internet, no cars will be stored or repaired at his residence, and cars awaiting sale will be warehoused at the self-storage units located in the business park on Industrial Drive.

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Also requesting a positive vote to operate an automobile sale and repair business were Kevin and David Ducharme of 508 Sports & Luxury Inc., 408 High Hill Road, Dartmouth. The father and son partnership owns and operates an established automobile business in New Bedford and came before the board seeking a Class II Auto Dealer license for property located at 79 Marion Road. The property is owned by Robert Gingras.

The Ducharmes proposed having up to 25 vehicles for sale on the property, with other space for the parking of cars waiting to be serviced in one of the two bays in the building.

The younger Ducharme said, "I'm not flying by the seat of my pants," and provided the selectmen with a layout of the property to demonstrate the feasibility of having 25 vehicles on the site.

But Selectmen Paul Silva and Tyler Macallister voiced concern over the number of cars. Their primary issue was adequate clearance for cars entering and exiting the property.

"We need someone to tell us what the right number is," said Silva.

Town Administrator Michael Gagne told the selectmen that other towns had also given thought to restricting the use of banners, flags, and lighting. The



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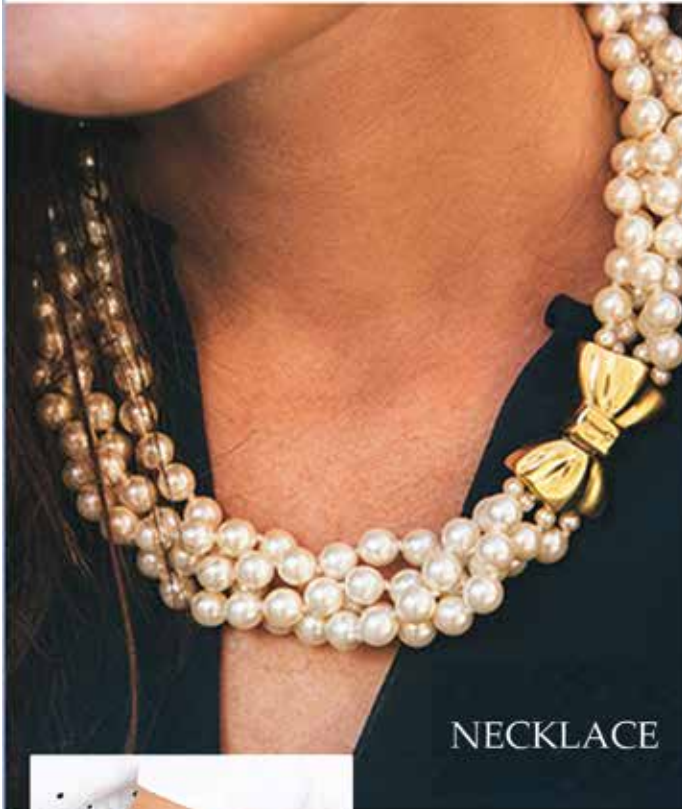


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selectmen agreed that was a good point.

However, it was the issue of traffic safety on busy Route 6 that prompted the board to request a continuance so that police safety officer Justin King could be consulted regarding the appropriate number of cars to allow in the license.

The Ducharmes were asked to return on October 27 to complete discussions and, in the meantime, provide Officer King with a diagram of the parking plans.

The selectmen also met with two residents vying for the one remaining open seat on the Conservation Commission. Coming before them were Mike Dubuc and Diane Tsitsos.

Dubuc, currently a member of the Agricultural Commission, was first up saying that in his daily business activities as a cranberry grower in 12 towns, he is familiar with the Wetlands Protection Act. He said he would be available to attend most scheduled meetings.

Diane Tsitsos, a retired diplomat, told the selectmen that she wanted her skills to be used in a "substantive way," and felt she was well suited for the Conservation Commission given her negotiating skills. She said she had experience in interpreting regulations and that her residence was situated in the middle of a wetlands area giving her intimate understanding of the importance of protecting natural resources.

After consideration of the two candidates towards the end of the meeting, Dubuc received the nod based on his basic understanding of the Wetlands Protection Act and that with his knowledge, he would be useful to the commission "right out of the gate," as Macallister said it.

Mark Langevin requested and received permission to construct a horseshoe pit at the town landing located on Mattapoisett Neck Road. He was asked to coordinate with Harbormaster Jill Simmons and Highway Superintendent Barry Denham to ensure the location was correct for other activities at the site. Langevin was also told that Gagne would apply for a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Conservation Commission so that construction would meet regulations of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Gagne updated the board on the repairs on Acushnet Road. He said everything was on schedule and

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that Eversource had been very accommodating with the relocation of a utility pole.

Regarding the power aggregation program, Gagne said the Department of Public Utilities had approved the plan and was preparing bid specifications. He explained that public education would be ongoing with a brochure mailed to residents, the release of a video that is currently in production, and a series of public meetings to ensure that the residents would be fully informed.

"I'm amazed by the number of participants," Gagne told the selectmen, noting that over 300,000 customers were in the aggregation group that included Mattapoisett.

On the matter of sewer rates, Gagne said, "It's that time of the year." He asked for approval from the selectmen to apply for state funding to help alleviate the debt service costs that currently stand at approximately \$572,000. The application to the Consumer Sewer Rate Relief Fund was approved.

Shellfishing beds were also discussed. Gagne announced that due to extreme stormwater runoff from recent storms, Mattapoisett's inner and outer harbor, Aucoot Cove, Crescent Beach, and Peases Point were closed until further notice. Water west of Mattapoisett Neck Road remains open. Further updates can be found on the town's website.

Regarding fire safety, Gagne advised the

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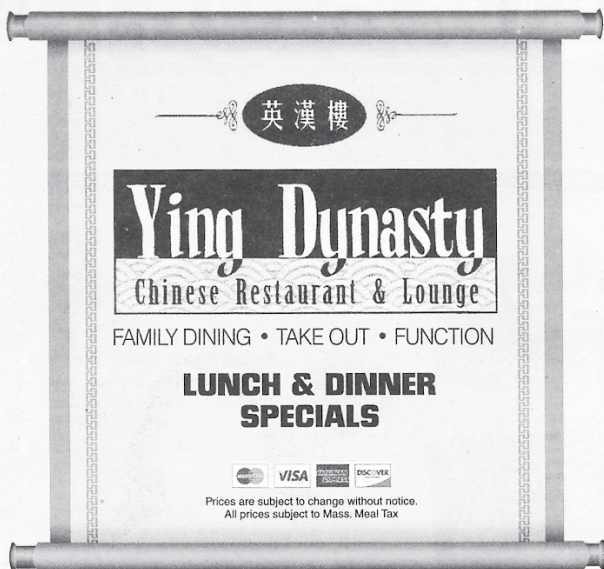


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selectmen that the Fire Department would be hosting a Village Safety Training program. He urged residents living in village neighborhoods to attend.

"I strongly urge anyone in the village to attend.... Old construction that is densely spaced can be a problem." The event will take place on October 24 between 5:00 and 6:00 pm at the fire station.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **October 27** at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall conference room.

Town Must Negotiate with Solar Developer

Rochester Planning Board

By Jean Perry

Since the last public hearing for the proposed solar farm slated for the center of Rochester, Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson said on October 13 that subsequent talks between lawyers for both the developer and the town have led to this: The town cannot tell solar developer NextSun Energy that it cannot cut trees within the 20-foot buffer zone around the perimeter of the project. The Planning Board's only option now when it comes to trees, said Johnson, is to negotiate with the developer and try to compromise the best it can.

According to the Limited Commercial District Zoning Bylaw adopted by Town Meeting, said Johnson, language pertaining to the 20-foot buffer simply states that a 20-foot vegetated buffer must remain – which



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means, said Johnson, that a vegetated buffer could literally be a 20-foot field of grass or brush – not necessarily trees.

The main concerns of most board members and abutters to the project remain the cutting down of taller historic trees within the 20-foot buffer, as well as the view from roads and points around town such as the library and police station. But as Johnson stated after about an hour of discussion, "Right now they can go in there and they can chop them down. We can't stop them from doing it."

What the board can do, however, is consider NextSun President Jacob Laskin's suggestion that if the board were to approve of some tree cutting into the 20-foot buffer on the west side of the site, then the taller historic trees by the cemetery could remain. Laskin's main concern for the project is exposure of the sun on the panels for maximum energy production; however, some trees to the west would cast shade onto the panels and reduce energy production.

According to a study provided and explained by engineer Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering, the prime hours would be 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, based on a December 21 sun, the shortest day with the weakest sunlight as a worst case scenario, which Laskin said is the standard for study in the solar industry.

"But if we could get out ten to two (o'clock), that would be a significant compromise for us," said Laskin.

Planning Board member Ben Bailey, who said meanwhile he had been searching online for information about peak production time, argued that the information he encountered contradicted Laskin's statement about 9:00 to 3:00, to which Laskin replied, "No it doesn't," before clarifying the matter for Bailey.

Johnson lauded some changes to plan since the last meeting, such as the relocation of the inverter, but urged the developer to address the "sensitive aspects of the project."

"From the heart," board member Gary Florindo spoke of the personal importance of the historic cemetery and how loved ones who visit their dearly departed should not have to see "solar fields," while resident Dave



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Watling questioned why the board would prefer to be "negotiating dead people for live people."

Sure, people go to visit their deceased loved ones, "But these people are here," said Watling motioning to the roughly 15 residents present. "They live there and they need screening," preferring that the focus be aimed at screening for abutters over screening for the cemetery.

Abutter Stephanie Riccardi sobbed as she described how she specifically sought out a historic property like the one she owns and did not want to lose it.

"As somebody who sought out a small town," said Riccardi, "I don't want to see solar panels behind my house."

But the board maintains some control over screening, and the board tossed around some ideas in the spirit of compromise, such as replacing 6- to 8-foot trees for planting with 8- to 10-foot ones and perhaps appropriately staggered wall installations instead of calling for an entire wall for screening.

"We don't want to see it from day one," said Johnson, reiterating the board's insistence on complete screening from sight.

Some board members took issue with the renderings of six different transects depicting the visual standpoint of six different locations looking at the solar farm, with Bailey calling assertions that certain viewpoints would be intersected by trees and fencing "disingenuous" when the renderings appeared to show otherwise.

"Well, there is a cone of vision, absolutely," said Madden, eliciting some mock laughter from some residents in attendance.

Madden stated that the renderings, although perhaps not in the format the board had hoped for, were a "snapshot in time," and not the permanent view after vegetation matures.

"I think you really need to try to envision the transect line ... with the aerial photograph," said Madden, again flipping to the overhead photo of the site he provided.

Eventually the board will have to discuss a

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decommissioning agreement with the developer, and the two parties will continue to come up with ways to satisfy the needs of the project and of abutters and townspeople.

"What I see here is a project ... that has ... multiple viewpoints in it and it's not uniform," said Johnson. "I think we need to treat it like that...." He later continued, "It's not a cookie cutter project in my mind."

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Richard Cutler who was in attendance said that if the solar arrays can be seen from the road, then he believes the Historic District Commission would come into play and hold a public hearing on the matter.

"They shouldn't be seen from the road," Cutler said.

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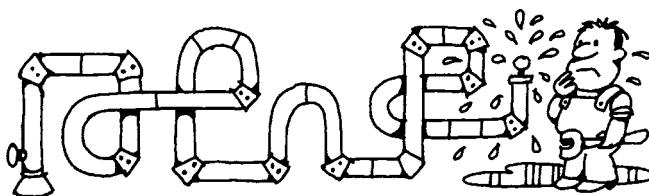


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The hearing was continued until October 27. Also during the meeting, the board told Clean Energy Collective, developers of the proposed solar farm in Marion that would be accessed via Perry's Lane in Rochester, that the board would draft a decision to approve the project and take the vote at the next meeting.

The project went through months of public hearings with both Marion and Rochester and, after finally reaching a decommissioning escrow account number, got the nod from Marion.

In other matters, the board held an informal meeting with yet another solar farm developer interested in building a solar energy facility off Snipatuit Road and along Quaker Lane. The board issued a number

of requested waivers, such as a traffic study waiver, maintenance plan waiver, and a partial waiver for underground utilities. There is no formal application for a site plan review for this project yet.

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board is scheduled for **October 27** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Senior Center.

Board Pleased by Last Minute Plan Change

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jean Perry

Despite its creation of a further non-conformance, the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals was poised to approve the Special Permit for Dale Allison of 359 Delano Road on October 8 when Allison presented an altered plan that increased the non-conformance slightly less than the previous plan and satisfied a neighbor's concern that the new house to be constructed would be too close to his property.

"Every time you reduce a non-conforming setback it's a good thing," said ZBA Chairman Eric Pierce. "So that's an improvement."

Allison plans to raze the existing small cottage to build a two-story dwelling, to which several neighbors expressed support during the last meeting of the ZBA.

Allison told the board that his abutting neighbor, whom he referred to as Lucky Evans, expressed his concern at the September 24 meeting that, although

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the plan was a nice addition to the neighborhood, it encroached structures on his property too much for his comfort. Allison altered the plan to slide the proposed house five feet away from the lot line, the only change to the plan.

"I think that's a very positive change," said Pierce. "I'm feeling positively toward this project."

The board granted the Special Permit.

Also during the meeting, the board granted a Special Permit to Susan Titus of 36 South Street to remove an existing screened-in porch to construct a new 13-foot by 13-foot four-season room.

Titus had submitted two letters of support from neighbors who said the new addition would improve the

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"It seems straightforward to me," said Pierce.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for **October 22** at 7:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

ZBA Approves Building Appeal

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Andrea Ray

David and Laurie Jewett arrived at the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on October 8 seeking permission to construct a storage shed approximately 15 feet away from the property boundary. This runs against town bylaws, which state that a shed of the proposed size must be at least 40 feet from the property line. The Jewetts, who live at 15 Briarwood Lane, face some interesting topographical issues that prevent that possibility, and they sought permission to build the shed closer to the boundary.

The proposed shed will measure 12 feet by 20 feet, or 240 square feet. According to the Agricultural & Residential District Zoning Bylaws, sheds and outbuildings larger than 150 square feet must be built at least 40 feet from the property line; however, the Jewetts face some unique topographical features, which make abiding by these bylaws impossible.

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water," Mr. Jewett said. "There is a flat portion in front, which rolls off to a small plateau in the back, and then tapers off again to the water." He indicated that from the front of the property to the back, there is 32 feet of topographical change.

Looking for a way to accommodate this, the Jewetts chose to site the shed on the back plateau of the property, which leaves it only 15 feet from the property line rather than the required 40 feet.

"There's no other place for it other than the front yard," said Mr. Jewett. "Everything else is just a slope."

When asked what the shed was to be used for, Mr. Jewett indicated storage.

"We both have antique cars. We'd like to keep one car in this shed, along with yard implements like rakes and shovels." Mrs. Jewett added that she had the support of a neighbor.

When ZBA member Kirby Gilmore inquired if they had the statement in writing, she replied, "No, I didn't realize I could do that. Would it help?"

"Well," Gilmore replied, "it does help to know what the neighbors think."

Gilmore himself bolstered the Jewetts' appeal when he recalled that sheds and outbuildings less than 150 square feet could be placed up to 10 feet from the property line.

"This portion of the bylaw is in favor of the applicant because the shed is in the back of the house," said Gilmore. "If the shed was one hundred fifty square feet, it could be set back as close as ten feet from the property line. This one isn't much bigger. It's not a detriment to the neighborhood."

Fellow ZBA member Donald Spirlet agreed.

"They have no choice," said Spirlet. "I have no problem with it."

The appeal was unanimously approved. The board did, however, place two restrictions: the shed cannot be used to house livestock, nor can it be used as a living space.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for **October 22** at the Rochester Town Hall pending the submission of applications.

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School Committee Hears PARCC Update

Marion School Committee

By Marilou Newell

Sippican School students scored lower than expected on the new PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) online exam, Superintendent of Schools Doug White told the Marion School Committee on October 7, adding that the Massachusetts Teachers Association is lobbying for a three-year moratorium on all standardized testing.

The low scores on the PARCC exam – a newly employed testing system that is part of the Massachusetts Common Core objectives – seemed to surprise the School Committee members. White assured them that lower

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scores were not completely unanticipated, since the testing format was new to the students.

White said the developers of the PARCC testing system and schools using the product were aware of scoring inconsistencies and will continue to debug the program moving forward.

However, the future of this testing method in terms of the ability of all school districts to employ it was still in doubt, he said. Explaining the problem, White said some school districts simply didn't have the funds to implement the program and had to use "paper" versus online systems to conduct the testing.

And there are concerns throughout school districts and teacher associations nationwide as to the validity of the Common Core program. White said some opposition seemed to originate from those who felt the program had been developed from the "top down" versus from educators. He assured the committee members that teachers, and specifically those from Massachusetts, had been essential in the development of the program. He said schools had been given 15 percent involvement in the shaping of programs to suit their districts to the Common Core requirements.

Still, White said there are petitions "floating around" in opposition to Common Core. He gave a brief history of how Common Core came into existence, noting that it did start with business leaders expressing concerns that graduates seemed to lack basic reading and writing

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skills. Not all states have embraced the Common Core philosophy, White shared, noting that Texas had opted-out completely.

As for Massachusetts, White told the committee that the Board of Education was continuing to evaluate PARCC and would be making a decision in the coming months as to whether it would continue to use PARCC or adopt another exam. He also said the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents was looking for improvements in testing programs that complimented local assessments, measured students growth and readiness for college and careers, and more funding overall.

White said parents would have the PARCC testing results sometime in December.

In other business, PTO Co-Chairman Dana Martin presented the committee with a fund-raising plan aimed at increasing the organization's coffers. She explained that helping to pay for some large projects last year had depleted funds. The new fundraiser could generate as much as \$10,000, Martin said. The hope was the fundraiser would stem the need to cut back on money given to the school for musical programs and equipment. The committee approved the plan.

Regarding budgets, White said he wanted to meet sooner rather than later with subcommittees so that needs could be determined.

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level," said White. "Everything from salaries to materials, then build off of that."

White also said that a parents' night was planned for October 21 at the library to discuss special needs programs and that playgroups for toddlers had begun at Old Hammondtown School.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for **November 12** at 6:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

Town Seeks Reimbursement for Vaccine Loss

Marion Board of Health

By Jean Perry

The Marion Board of Health is hoping to recover the almost \$5,000 in damages caused by the failure of a vaccine refrigerator that resulted in the loss of at least 18 different vaccine doses.

Marion Health Director Karen Walega in a September 15 memorandum to Town Administrator Paul Dawson listed the different vaccines lost and the exact cost to replace them, and in a memorandum to the Board



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of Health dated October 8, Walega listed the additional expenses incurred in the replacement of the broken refrigerator.

The incident, which occurred on August 17, involved the failure of the special vaccine refrigerator temperature control mechanism. Once the malfunction was discovered, the vaccines inside the refrigerator were transported to the police station for storage in a different refrigerator until the town was notified by the state that the vaccines could not be used.

Lost were ten doses of Prevna 13 (pneumonia) at a cost of \$1,795, two vials of Tuberculin (used to test for Tuberculosis) at a cost of \$130, six doses of Zoster vax (shingles) costing \$1,140, and an undisclosed amount of Adacol (Tdap) at a cost of about \$150, for a total loss of about \$3,200.

The new refrigerator compliant with CDC regulations costs \$1,500 with wiring costing another \$240.

"We are still waiting on the insurance," said Walega on October 13 during a meeting of the Board of Health. "I don't understand why they (the town's insurance company) haven't gotten in touch with Paul [Dawson]."

Walega said there are enough supplies for the two subsequent flu clinics scheduled for October 26 and November 9 from 2:00 to 6:30 pm at the Marion Town House. However, the majority of the vaccines lost have not yet been replaced.

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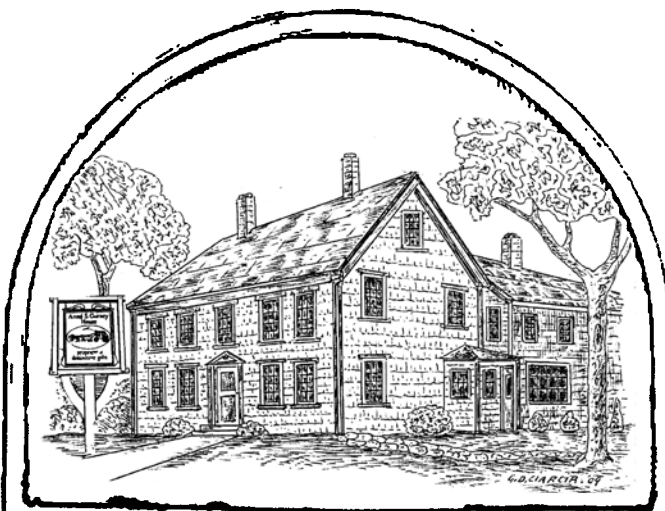
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"We don't have that kind of money to replace it and we need it replaced," said Walega.

Walega's memo to the Board of Health questioned if the board would like to seek a reserve fund transfer at a future town meeting, but the board chose to hold off until Dawson hears back from the insurance company.

Also during the meeting, the board briefly discussed a letter Walega sent to Robert Thompson of Rochester regarding the proposed e-cigarette retail store he would like to open in Marion. Walega attached a copy of the town's current tobacco and nicotine product regulations in her letter to Thompson, reminding him that he will need to contact the Health Office once a location is selected.

Thompson was also reminded that the Board of Health is in the process of amending its tobacco and nicotine regulations to increase the minimum age for tobacco and nicotine products sales to age 21, as well as some changes to the sale of specific tobacco items, such as single cigars and "blunts."

An attorney for the board has drafted part of the amended bylaw regarding the age minimum, but work is still being done on the remaining language. No date has yet been set for a public hearing on the new tobacco and nicotine regulations.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for **October 27** at 4:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

NHS Sponsors Costume Drive

ORR Update

By Sienna Wurl

With Halloween lurking right around the corner, the elation of children in the Tri-Town is almost tangible. Whether making or buying costumes, children everywhere are excited to go house to house, receiving candy from their friends and neighbors.

For many, going to the local parade to show off their costumes has become a tradition. For some families, however, purchasing a Halloween costume can be an economic difficulty, and many children in Tri-Town don't get to celebrate Halloween like the rest of their friends do.

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That's where the Old Rochester Regional National Honor Society (NHS) comes in.

The group, which is comprised of well-rounded high school students, started a costume drive at ORR on September 28. The collection, which will continue through October 16, asks for the Old Rochester community to donate new or gently used costumes in order to give children the Halloween they wish for. A collection box has been set up in the high school lobby, and the donations have been flowing in.

The NHS has been a busy group this school year, and the costume drive has not been their only service to the community. During the previous home football game, the National Honor Society collected canned goods for a reduced ticket price, and all collected goods went to the food pantry at Saint Anthony's Parish in Mattapoisett.

The NHS has no plans to slow down on their community service. Sarabeth Morrell, the English teacher at Old Rochester in charge of the NHS, said "We're hoping to help at Sippican School with a homework club." While these plans are still in the works, the NHS hopes to set up a booth at the Halloween Fair being created by Old Rochester's student government, which will be on Friday, October 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the high school. The fair will be geared towards children ages 3 to 7 who are encouraged to wear their costumes and get excited for a costume contest. Children are also urged to bring their own pumpkin for decorating.

On top of helping the NHS with their activities, members dutifully perform 20 hours of community service hours every semester.

"Right now, we have students all over the local area," said Morrell. "We've got students over at Rochester Memorial every week reading to younger kids." The group aims to better the community, and the students of the NHS strive to commit themselves to their service. "I would also encourage anyone in the community who has a need for help with a service program from our students to email me," Morrell added.

If you wish to donate a costume or have any questions, please contact Sarabeth Morell at smorell@orr.mec.edu.



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Upcoming Fall Dramas

Tabor Academy Update

By Madeleine Gregory

With just under a month left until the final performances, Tabor Academy anticipates the showing of two drama productions. This year, the plays are *Bang Bang You're Dead*, a controversial play about school shootings, and *Human Geometry*, an original play written by one of Tabor's own English teachers, Mark Howland. While very different, both are interesting and exciting plays that the directors hope will connect with the audience and prompt discussion.

John Heavey, who teaches English at Tabor, is the director of *Bang Bang You're Dead*, a play he says is especially relevant in light of the staggering numbers of school shootings this year and in recent history.

"The play sheds a lot of light on the need for gun control," said Heavey. "The killer in this play is disturbed, but without access to guns, it never would've escalated like it did."

The play, written in 1998, is based on of a real school shooting in Seattle. In the play, the shooter is seen in his jail cell, visited by the memories of the victims that he shot. The ghosts of the victims of the shooting try throughout the play to discover why he did what he did. They never uncover a definitive motive, and at the end of the play reflect on their life. They look back, discussing what they will miss most about being alive and what they will never be able to do because they were killed so young.

Already the play has prompted a lot of frank discussion within the cast. School Counselor Dr. James Mehegan came to talk to the cast about the emotional state of the shooter as well as the responses of the victim in the interest of making the play more realistic.

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"Our main goal is to open a dialog," Heavey said. "We'll have a Q and A session after each showing and hopefully this will spark some necessary and important conversation."

While Heavey's focus is on controversial issues, Howland's is more lighthearted. His original play, *Human Geometry*, plays with the idea of how love and math intersect. The scenes go from simple to complex, shifting focus from points to lines to shapes to parabolas and so on. He played with names too, naming two of his characters, Al and Cal, after Algebra and Calculus.

This is Howland's seventh original play written for Tabor, all seven of which he said would not have been possible without the help of his colleagues and Tabor

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"Good theatre is always collaborative," he said.

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Howland would send his drafts to Heavey throughout the summer to edit, and Howland consulted with Nathan Meleo, a math teacher, about some of the concepts that he worked with.

Sophomore Maddy Kistler helped with lighting, while senior Nicole McLaughlin choreographed the dance sequences.

"I also played to the strengths of the cast,"

Howland said, "and my vision for certain scenes changed as the process went on and I saw everyone's talents."

"The play is very Tabor-specific," Mr. Howland



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added. "There's references to Lillard dorm and Cumby's, as well as some of Tabor's policies."

In very different ways, both *Bang Bang You're Dead* and *Human Geometry* promise to have a strong impact on the Tabor community.

Golf Defeats Apponequet to Remain Kings of SCC

ORR Sports Update

By Patrick Briand

Last Friday, Golf earned a huge win over SCC rival Apponequet to keep them undefeated in the conference. Volleyball and Girls' Soccer also earned some huge wins as teams made up games that were rained out

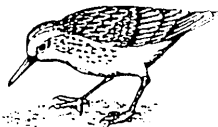
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Football: The Bulldogs traveled to Dighton-Rehoboth this week in search of their first win. The Falcons returned the opening kick for a score, beginning what would amount to a 28-0 run in the first half. The Bulldog offense came alive in the second half, with senior **Corey Dias** (usually a kicker) running the ball for a one-yard score, followed by a two-point conversion from junior quarterback **Cam Hamilton**. Hamilton connected with tight end **Grant Reuter**, also a junior, for a touchdown in the fourth, followed by a **Darien Dumond** (Sr.) two-point conversion. However, the end result was a 42-16 loss, as the Dogs' allowed the Falcons to complete several big plays on offense, including a few long runs. Next week, the boys are away to play their rivals, the Wareham Vikings.

Boys' Soccer: At Bourne on Monday, the boys battled back with a pair of goals in the second half of the contest, and the game ended in a 2-2 tie. Senior **Emil Assing** and junior **Alex Sousa** provided the offense. Back home against Fairhaven on Wednesday, the Bulldogs lost a hard-fought battle 5-4. Senior **Hunter Parker** scored three goals and sophomore **Tanner Figueiredo** had the other. The boys traveled to Seekonk on Friday to face the Warriors and dropped a tough 2-1 contest. This week, the boys are up against Dighton-Rehoboth and the always-tough Dartmouth Indians.

Girls' Soccer: The girls played the same schedule as the boys this week, only with different locations. Wednesday on the road against Fairhaven, senior captain **Amy Bichajian** scored two goals in a 4-2 victory to continue her stellar season. Freshman **Maddie Demanche** and sophomore **Maddie Cooney** also had goals in the win. On Thursday against Bourne, the girls provided the firepower with four second-half goals. Bichajian, Demanche, Cooney, sophomore **Leah Przybyszewski**, and junior **Katelyn Bindas** were the scorers in the 5-1 triumph. On Friday at home against Seekonk, the girls took a 4-1 loss to close out an otherwise positive week. This week, they take on New Bedford High, D-R, and Dartmouth High.

Boys' Cross Country: After a bye week, the

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boys returned to face GNB Voc-Tech and Case at home (Washburn Park in Marion) on Tuesday. Although Voc put up a good battle, the boys were able to defeat them 24-35 and easily handle Case 16-43 to improve to a strong 5-1 record. Freshman **Adam Sylvia** (17:41) continued his excellent season, finishing second overall. He was followed by a trio of juniors; **James Goulart** (18:21), **Connor Farney** (18:32), and **Will Hopkins** (18:33). Next up is Apponequet, which is another home meet.

Girls' Cross Country: Home at Washburn Park to face GNB Voc-Tech and Case on Tuesday, the girls swept another meet after their bye week. The girls took the first ten spots, led by seniors **Madeline Meyer** (19:36) and **Nina Bourgeois** (20:02). Junior **Avery Nugent** (20:10) and sophomores **Madeline Scheub** (20:13) and **Madisen Martin** (20:18) followed, continuing to run excellent times. This week, the undefeated squad runs against Apponequet at home on Tuesday.

Volleyball: The girls' first competitor this week was Fairhaven on the road on Wednesday, and they suffered a 3-0 loss on consecutive sets. The scores were 25-23, 25-14, and 25-16. Matching up against Bourne at home on Thursday, the girls earned a 3-1 victory with several solid performances. Among them were senior **Hayli Marshall's** 11 kills, senior **Michaelah Nunes' 28** assists, and junior **Emma Collings' 12** kills. Home to face Seekonk on Friday night, the girls completed a 3-0 win highlighted by senior **Olivia Bellefeuille's** incredible performance. She served 24 consecutive points, one shy of a perfect game. The girls will be home against New Bedford High and away at D-R this week.

Golf: Starting off at home against D-R on Tuesday, the boys took a 150-121 victory aided by sophomore **Collin Fitzpatrick's 37**. On Wednesday, the boys faced Wareham and Seekonk in an interesting



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tri-match at The Bay Club. They won both matches, beating Wareham 155-64, and Seekonk 157-132 using the 'Modified Stableford' scoring system. Sophomore **Jason Gamache** (35) and senior captain **Jared Nye** (39) led the way in the double victory. Golf's busy week continued with a 143-70 thrashing of GNB Voc-Tech at Hawthorn Country Club. Fitzpatrick's 38 and Gamache's 40 led the way on the notably tough course. Staying on the road versus previously undefeated Apponequet last Friday, the Bulldogs earned a crucial 178-146 victory to remain undefeated in the SCC. Fitzpatrick's 36, which included a noteworthy eagle putt on the fifth hole at Lakeville Country Club, was the team's top score. Sophomore **Jacob Yeomans** shot a 38 and junior **Tyler Mourao** added

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a 39 in the huge win. This week: A road battle against Case, a home match against Apponequet, and the much-anticipated SCC championship on Friday, October 16 at Bay Pointe Country Club.

Field Hockey: The busy week started off with a home game against New Bedford High, in which senior standout **Morgan Middleton** scored both goals in a 2-1 victory, one coming on an assist from junior **Sophia Church**. Sophomore **Riley Goulet** and freshman **Gates Tenerowicz** continued to be an effective duo in goal. The girls looked to keep their momentum going Wednesday against Fairhaven, where Church continued to shine with two goals. Also scoring were senior **Maggie Wiggin** and sophomore **Ali Hulsebosch**. A scoreless shutout against Seekonk on Friday closed out the week, with Tenerowicz earning the shutout and senior midfielder **Jane Kassabian** playing a solid all-around game. This week, the girls continue to face their SCC opponents, as they are home versus Case on Tuesday, home against Wareham on Wednesday, and on the road to play D-R on Friday.

Below are the overall fall team records, followed by the conference records in wins, losses, and ties as of October 11.

Boys' Cross Country: (5-1-0)(5-1-0); Girls' Cross Country: (6-0-0)(6-0-0); Golf: (15-1-0)(14-0-0); Football: (0-5-0)(0-4-0); Volleyball: (0-0-0)(0-0-0); Field Hockey: (5-4-2)(4-2-2); Boys' Soccer: (0-0-0)(0-0-0); Girls' Soccer: (0-0-0)(0-0-0).

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Halloween Story Contest

It's time for one of our favorite events of the year, the Annual Halloween Story Contest! We have seven great submissions this year to share with you so sit back and enjoy a good read. The winner will be announced in the October 29 edition.

Halloween Story Contest Entry #1

Scarred for Life

Never. Never again will I do what I just did. I thought I could survive it, or that I wouldn't be scarred for life like everyone else. I hoped I could be brave and not utter a single scream. I had no idea how wrong I was.

One day earlier...

It was that time of year again. The crisp autumn scent was in the air and people were getting excited. They were all getting ready for tomorrow night. For scares, costumes and candy ... tons and tons of candy. I was getting prepared as well. Finishing up my last minute costume ideas and planning my route around town to get candy. For my favorite holiday, I was going to be a zombie with my two friends Emily and Sara. We were going to try to make it around our whole town and collect as much loot as possible. Since we were all 14 years old, we were allowed to stay out until midnight by ourselves, but only if we texted our parents every hour.

Finally, after what seemed like a year instead of a day, the night for terrors arrived. At six o'clock on the dot my doorbell rang. When I opened it I could barely recognize Emily and Sara. They were dressed up in a full zombie costume blood and everything. "Let's go," I said. I grabbed my pillowcase and slammed the door behind me. We headed out and hit 15 houses in the first five minutes. "C'mon," muttered Sara, "or we'll have to wait in line" The one thing that we hadn't told our parents we were going to do was that at 7:30 we were going to the Haunted Alleyway. The Haunted Alleyway was this super freaky, dark alleyway. We were never allowed to go there but since we were 14, we figured we could go. I didn't know what the big deal was. The ads didn't look that scary. I swore to myself that I wouldn't even scream once. Seriously.

When we arrived, there were only three people in line in front of us. When we got to the cashier we all paid the five-dollar admission cost and headed in. There were people jumping out at us everywhere. Emily and Sara were screaming and flinching but I just kept walking. Then I made my mistake. I said "OMG this is sooooo dumb! I'm not even scared!" Apparently the people heard me and well let's just say I broke my vow to myself. A blood-curdling scream ripped through the air like a loose bullet. People heard it for miles and miles. They all flinched at the sound. Truth is told it sounded like murder. I emerged from the alley with Emily and Sara both white and jumpy. But that was nothing compared to me. I was also white but shaking and teeth chattering.

"Never again" murmured Emily. Sara slowly nodded. They both looked at me but recognized the look on my face. I agreed with them but I was too petrified to speak or move. I was scarred for life.

Halloween Story Contest Entry #2

White's Glow

There once was a man who spent his life as a widower working on a farm. When he started out in life, many other men worked for him. They worked in and around the barn. The barn now named White's Glow.

The farmer's wife had always been a city girl. She spent her life as a city girl, until she met George. He persuaded her to move out to the country, where the closest neighbor was a mile or two away.

There had always been many, many workers, but one day all of that changed. That was the very same day Farmer George's wife died. She passed away up in the hay loft, never to be seen again. After that mournful day, one by one all the workers began to quit.

"I'm tellin' ya George. That barn's jus' not right," one of them said. Another claimed "I heard somethin'. Or, someone!" So not even a year later, George had no one left on the property. He was growing older, and decided to see for himself if there really was anyone there. He had been cleaning out his house and needed to put some old boxes up in the loft anyway.

It was almost dark by the time he made his way

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across the field to the heavy barn doors. He pulled them open and stuck his head in. "Nothin'," he murmured. "Completely and absolutely nothin'." He then made his way to the rotting ladder and began to climb. He was almost at the top when he claimed to hear a faint whisper. "George," it said.

The poor old man almost fell off the ladder when he heard his name whispered from the darkness. Before he made it up even a foot, he heard something say "Come, George. Come." Since he was a very practical man, he decided his mind was fooling him and didn't think much of it.

Then, out of nowhere, the barn suddenly became frigid as a strong, cold wind came from the loft. A shiver ran up the farmer's old spine, and the gray hairs on the back of his neck stood up. He dropped the box and fell off the ladder. He couldn't get up because the wind was pushing him down, gluing him to the bushel of old stiff hay. He let out a shriek of panic as a white glow lit up the barn.

There, right in front of his own eyes was his young, beautiful wife floating before his eyes. She had died years before, but was speaking to him!

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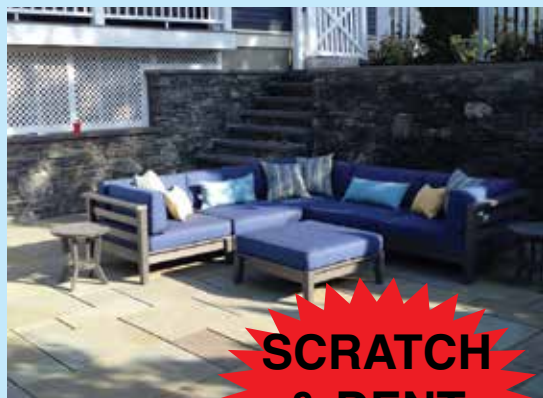
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Halloween Story Contest Entry #3

Abigail

Prologue

The girl was crying. Big, round tears were rolling down her face as she sat on the cold curb of the street, waiting. The sun had just dipped below the horizon and the sky, though not yet that dark, was a deep purple. The big moon had just risen into site and clouds were drifting ever so slightly across it, giving an eerie feeling to the already creepy night. The girl, her short, chestnut hair falling to cover her eyes, was sitting on the corner of a deserted street in the middle of town. Everyone else had left. She had her hands clasped in her lap, her knuckles white with fear. You could hear her sobbing "...just a story ... it was just a story ... a story..."

For a couple minutes she sat there, crying, and wondering where it was. Soon, a breeze started up. It got stronger and stronger, pushing at the shutters of the houses on either side of the girl, knocking the few trees that were left on the sidewalk over and ripping up some of the cobblestones in the street. And then the moaning started, a low, dark, eerie sound that no human would ever be able to make. The girl leaped to her feet, screaming and trying to stay up against the wind. "This wasn't part of the deal!" she shouted. "You promised you wouldn't do anything horrible!" The moaning turned to a deep cackle and the wind started to surround the girl, lifting her up into the air and spreading her limbs apart. She screamed again "You promise-". But her words were cut short as everything, all the wind and the noise and the moaning of the voice, vanished into nothing.

I was taking a shortcut through the graveyard on Halloween night. It was a dare and, well, I never back down from dares. The graveyard that I was walking through was glowing in the light of the pale, half-moon that floated eerily in the indigo sky. Dark stones, some as tall as me, some no higher than my ankle, rise up from the ground, with the occasional plastic skeleton hand here and there, trying to make the graveyard more scary, like it needed to be. It was said the spirits would all gather together here on Halloween. You were supposed to hear

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the sounds you were most afraid of when you walked through there, like nails on a chalkboard or the creak of a floorboard in the dark. So far, I haven't heard anything.

The Native American costume I was wearing exposed my arms and legs, and goose bumps kept rising on my bare skin every time the chilly October breeze blew. The little moccasins I had on my feet were quiet over all of the dead leaves that scattered the ground, looking black and purple in this light. There was no specific path in the graveyard, so I was weaving around gravestone after gravestone. I was dared to see if I could walk all of the way to one side of the graveyard and walk back. I was on my way back, about halfway there. So far, I had not heard noises but being in the graveyard was scary enough.

I used my right hand to push away some of the long brown hair that kept falling into my green eyes, as my left hand was holding my candy, and stepped around a huge gravestone that had the letters R.I.P. written across the top and the name Alfred Burton, 1612-1625 scribbled at the bottom. Shuddering, I try not to think about how / why he died at such a young age. It had been the biggest gravestone I had passed so far, so the kid must have been important. Maybe he was killed because he was the mayor's son or had gotten the plague. The very thought made me shudder.


"Hey!" I hear a voice shout. I jump about a foot into the air, afraid that it was the ghost of Alfred, but was coming from beyond the huge stone arch that marked the entrance into the graveyard. "Makayla, you still alive in there?"

"Barely!" I shout back. The voice belonged to Tristan Caffarel, the king of the 8th grade, aka the person who dared me to do this. "The ghosts and spirits tried to grab me on my way in!"

"Yeah, right!" he shouts back. "They're made of air, remember?" I grin and then hear another voice.

"Almost done?" calls Eva Stevenson. We've been friends since kindergarten, but nope, she had refused to accompany me into the cemetery.

"Yeah," I say, walking toward the arch as I speak. "I'll be there in, like, 2 minut-" I stop mid-sentence and stand stock still with my back as rigid as a board of wood. Did I just hear...?

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"Makayla. Makayla, are you alright?" calls Eva, but softly, like she sensed something was wrong. "Makayla?"

But I did not answer. My mouth was glued shut. I had felt it again. There was someone, or something, behind the nearest tombstone, which was big and easy to hide behind. It was not like I had seen whatever it was. No. I had sensed it, like when you can feel someone's eyes on your back or when you're playing hide and seek and you know someone is behind that chair because you sensed it. I sensed the presence of my visitor.

I could feel my breath getting heavier, like I was panting against the fear of ... whatever was behind the tomb, my stomach turning like crazy, my head filled with thoughts of what it could be. Witch or ghost or murderer.

"Makayla," I hear Tristan say in a shout whisper, "if there is something there, forget about the dare and run. Come here now." But I can't move. I have literally frozen in place. I had just seen a hand sneakily grip the side of the tombstone, as if needing the support of it, then whip out of sight.

And then I heard the cackle.

A human cackle, not a witch's fake cackle, a human one, one of pure spite and joy, but not a joking joy. A deadly joy. An "I'm coming" joy. It was cold and clear, like the owner wanted me to know that it was there.

I screamed. I screamed the loudest I ever had and I ran. I ran to the edge of the graveyard, dodging looming

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tombs. I heard footfalls behind me and I shrieked. I soon felt something pierce my arm, cutting me. The material was metal. Cold, sharp metal meant to cut something.

I heard the sound of rock hitting flesh (probably thrown by Tristan or Eva) and a soft "oaf" like the thing behind me was hit. I turned around quickly to see if the thing that was chasing me had gone down. But what was there had not gone down. It had done anything but.

A column of black smoke was rising up from the ground, sparking and flashing like lightning. In the middle of the smoke floated a girl. The girl was about my age and had her arms and legs spread wide. Her mouth was open in a silent but horrible scream and her basketball player costume (from Halloween) was filled with air. Her hair was spread out like a fan around her head and her bright blue eyes had frozen tears in them. She looked like she had been scared to death. Literally. But most horrible of all was that I recognized her. I recognized from the MISSING posters:

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I remember these posters (just not the phone number) from the 3rd grade. I was thinking how horrible it would be to just disappear and how I wanted to help this poor kid. But now I saw she was beyond help. This thing had taken control of her body and I would be next. I shrieked as Abigail's mouth began to move. When she spoke, her voice was as rough as gravel.

"I am coming. I am coming." Abigail sang, "I am coming and you can do nothing to stop me. Watch your back. I am coming." And with that, Abigail disappeared into nothing.

That was when the wind took up, swirling around me like a tornado.

I shrieked, a bloodcurdling, murderous sound and ran as fast as I could against the wind.

Abigail appeared in front of me just when I was about to cross under the arch. "You will never escape me," she whispered. Tears were flowing down both of our cheeks as she talked for whatever was controlling her. "I am always watching. I am always coming." As Abigail talked, a smile too wide split her face, with teeth that were too far apart to be human, lips stretched beyond capacity. "I am coming." I sobbed and backed up, away from the horrible face that was repeating, "I am coming. I am coming."

And the next thing I knew, I was tripping over the bulge of rock that was under the stone archway, marking the entrance to the graveyard. If Tristan had not caught me, I probably would have given myself a concussion. I was shaking, my teeth chattering, my whole body twitching, my eyes pouring out tears as I sobbed hysterically.

"Makayla, what happened? Are you OK?" I could hear Tristan. I looked up to see him watching the arch, like he did not see what I had.

"It's coming." I told Tristan, but he looked at me like I was crazy. "It's coming."

"Hey." I felt Tristan set me gently on the ground as he talks. "Eva, come here quick." I hear a couple of people (probably some of Tristan's friends) make way by

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the sound of the leaves crunching beneath their feet and Eva is suddenly at my side, one hand on my shoulder. She is telling me that everything will be okay when Tristan notices my arm. "What the...?" he whispers and I look down.

The cut was very deep. It was halfway between my right shoulder and elbow and was bleeding a lot. The edges around the cut had already turned a purplish color and were throbbing. The strange thing was that it did not hurt at all.

"You need stitches," says Cole, one of Tristan's friends. He was one of the ones who helped Tristan come up with the dare. I don't know how I remember.

"What was in there?" says Tristan.



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Slowly, I stand up with the help of Eva, holding my right arm in my left hand, cradling it, tears still flowing freely. "So-so-something," I whisper, not knowing how to respond. The thing had seemed human before, but at the end...

"Let's go check it out," says Cole and he and Tristan run toward the graveyard.

"No!" I shout. "It will come for you too!"

They, however, ignore me and head into the cemetery.

While Cole and Tristan gone, one of the other girls helps me patch up my arm, wrapping it in a couple of bandages from her doctor's costume. Eva tries to calm my panting, shaking body, but I am too afraid.

After about five minutes, my sobs have been reduced to only one ragged breath per minute. Soon, Cole and Tristan are back and in Tristan's hand, he now holds a stack of paper.

"Look!" he says, running over and crouching next to me. "It's a story! 'They were all goners and they knew it. The smoke had come to take them. It whispered 'I'm coming' over and over, like a horrible CD.'" Tristan read.

"That's what you were repeating," gasps Eva, holding a hand to her mouth and my sobs return.

"Abigail..." I sob and everyone looks at me. "The last thing she ever did ... it was write a scary story ... what's the name on the paper?" I ask Tristan.

He squinted his eyes and tilted the paper. "A

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... um ... Abigail Clinton, I think. It's really faded. Why-Makayla, how did you know?"

But I had just seen the figure of Abigail floating behind Cole in the darkness. "Cole!" I scream, my voice tearing. "Cole, behind!"

But before he even turned around, he was lifted like Abigail, screaming as he went. "I am coming. I am coming and nothing you can do will stop me. I am coming." Abigail whispers. The wind started to pick up again and Abigail's voice is lost in the darkness, along with Cole.

"I am coming. I am coming and you will never forget it. I am coming."


Letters to the Editor

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The best story will be selected by an award jury. The winner will win a \$250 gift certificate to any one of our display advertisers.

October 9 at noon is the deadline for submitting a story

Stories will be printed in the October 15, 22 & 29 editions of The Wanderer

The Winner will be announced in the October 29 edition



CONTEST #2

Halloween Cover Contest

Your best Halloween artwork could be on the cover of The Wanderer and you could win a \$250 gift certificate to any one of our display advertisers.

Submit your best original Halloween drawing, photo, compilation or anything else we can print on our cover to enter.

Deadline for submitting artwork is **Friday, October 16 at noon.**

Online voting will take place from October 18 to October 26

The winner will be on the cover of the October 29 edition of The Wanderer.



Check out our Facebook page for a special Halloween Photo Contest at the end of October!

The Fine Print:

All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com (Click on "Halloween Contest"). All stories must be submitted electronically.

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development of Marion's Master Plan? If the answer is yes, and it should be, your next opportunity is to attend the Planning Board's public forum on Saturday, October 24 at the Music Hall from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

We hope many town citizens will join the discussion about what living here should be like in the years ahead. The Planning Board believes community input is essential to produce a valuable, constructive plan that truly represents what residents want. We can't plan for the future without you.

Marion's Master Plan is a document that will guide the Town's evolution through the coming decade and beyond. This meeting will focus on the final two elements of the Master Plan: Services & Facilities and Transportation & Circulation.

Assisting us with the planning process are professionals from the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) as well as many of our selected Master Plan Advisors, a group composed of community members and representatives from town boards.

Please mark your calendar TODAY for this important public forum: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon on October 24 at the Marion Music Hall. Your engagement, input, and participation will ensure Marion's Master Plan will protect our Town's special charm while meeting the future needs of our residents. For more information, visit www.srpedd.org/marion-master-plan.

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Thursday October 15, 2015

7:00 AM Our Fair Lady Gala Performance
8:00 AM Melissa's Menu - #57
8:30 AM The Folklorist
9:00 AM The Register's Report
9:30 AM The Children's Corner - Time Train
10:00 AM Expedition New England - New York Time Warp
10:30 AM NASA 360
11:00 AM Seniorize
11:30 AM Jazzercise
12:00 PM Movie - Then There Were Three
1:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show - 621
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx - October 1, 2015
2:30 PM Melissa's Menu - #57
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe - October 1, 2015
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today - October 1, 2015
4:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal - September 2015
5:00 PM Physician Focus
5:30 PM Money Talk - SRI
6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Nancy Putnam
7:00 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show - 621
7:30 PM Become Your Own Gym - Wellness
8:00 PM What's Linda Cooking
8:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show - HTBB part 1
9:00 PM Fast Forward - Contemporary Science Fiction - Joe Haldeman
9:30 PM The Chico and Brian Show - Happy Birthday to Us
10:00 PM Investigators Of The Unknown - Season 2 Episode 3
11:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
11:30 PM The Steve Katsos Show - Season 6 Episode 6

Friday October 16, 2015

7:00 AM Fast Forward - Contemporary Science Fiction - Mindy Klasky
7:30 AM The Song - Rob Menard
8:00 AM Melissa's Menu - #57
8:30 AM Future Talk - The Millennium Project
9:00 AM Senior Scene - Winter Readiness
9:30 AM Bioneers by the Bay - David De Rothschild
10:03 AM Bioneers by the Bay - Riki Ott
10:30 AM Melissa's Menu - #57
11:00 AM Seniorize
11:30 AM Jazzercise
12:00 PM Movie - Bloodlust
1:30 PM Your Money Your Life
2:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame Forum
2:30 PM The Commonwealth Report - Richard Henderson
3:00 PM Explore - The Middle East
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000 - October 1, 2015
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe - October 1, 2015

4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx - October 1, 2015
5:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - History of the Rochester Fire and Police Dept.
6:30 PM What's Linda Cooking
7:00 PM Legal Ease - Operating Under the Influence
7:30 PM 30 Odd Minutes - Demon Street USA With David Rountree And Robbie Lun
8:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
8:30 PM Citizens for Economic Justice - Corporations are not People
10:30 PM Graceful Aging - Good Grief
11:00 PM Investigators Of The Unknown - Season 2 Episode 3

Saturday October 17, 2015

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM NASA 360 - The Johnson Space Center
9:00 AM Citizens for Economic Justice - Corporations are not People
11:00 AM The Mario and Dennis Show
11:30 AM What's Linda Cooking
12:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame Forum
12:30 PM Our Fair Lady Gala Performance
1:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - History of the Rochester Fire and Police Dept.
3:00 PM The Counselors Course - YMCA Summer Camp Movie
3:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Handwriting Analysis
4:30 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors - Financial Planning
5:00 PM The Rochester Historical Society Presents - Know Greater Love
6:00 PM Upper Caper Tech Presents: Careers - Choccolaters
6:30 PM What's Linda Cooking
7:00 PM Tina Cooks - The Pizza Show!
7:30 PM A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM The Song - Dan Daniels
8:30 PM 30 Odd Minutes - Demon Street USA With David Rountree And Robbie Lun
9:00 PM Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers - Bride of the Monster
11:00 PM Europe In Concert - Snow Patrol

Sunday October 18, 2015

7:00 AM Second Coming Church - 298
8:00 AM Our Fair Lady Gala Performance
9:00 AM Music and the Spoken Word - September 6, 2015
9:30 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester - October 11, 2015
11:00 AM Community Baptist Church - October 11, 2015
11:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors - Hearing Issues
12:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Historical What Ifs with Kirt Mead
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Political Polarization
2:30 PM First Congregational Church of Rochester - October 11, 2015

4:00 PM The Rochester Historical Society Presents - Know Greater Love
5:00 PM Community Baptist Church - October 11, 2015
5:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame Forum
6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Nancy Putnam
7:00 PM In The Fight
7:30 PM Physician Focus
8:00 PM Piney Point Players Club - Peter Pan
9:00 PM Our Fair Lady Gala Performance
10:00 PM Eckankar - A Giant Hand
10:30 PM Music and the Spoken Word - September 6, 2015
11:00 PM Words of Peace - The Source of Joy
11:30 PM The Steve Katsos Show - Season 6 Episode 6

Monday October 19, 2015

7:30 AM The Mass Factor - Steven Howitt
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx - October 1, 2015
8:30 AM Your Money Your Life
9:00 AM The Commonwealth Report - Kenneth Kimmell
9:30 AM The Dr. Is In - Skin Cancer
10:00 AM Living Healthy With The Women In You - Your Natural Medicine Cabinet
10:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Focus - October 1, 2015
11:00 AM Seniorize
11:30 AM Jazzercise
12:00 PM Movie - Legend of the Sea Wolf
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Historical What Ifs with Kirt Mead
2:30 PM Hollywood Makeover - Vehicle Shots for your Independent Film
3:00 PM Explore - Youthful Expressions
3:30 PM Earth Focus
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe - October 1, 2015
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000 - October 1, 2015
5:00 PM The Register's Report
5:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show - 621
6:00 PM What's Linda Cooking
6:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - History of the Rochester Fire and Police Dept.
8:00 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors - Hearing Issues
8:30 PM Expedition New England - New York Time Warp
9:00 PM The National Parks Service Presents: New Bedford The City That Lit the World
9:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk - Girls Youth Ice Hockey
10:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame Forum
10:30 PM Life Matters
11:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
11:30 PM The Steve Katsos Show - Season 6 Episode 6

Tuesday October 20, 2015

7:00 AM Piney Point Players Club - Peter Pan
8:00 AM Language of Business - Business and Lawyers
8:30 AM Cooking With Marie - Simple Supper
9:00 AM What's Linda Cooking
9:30 AM The Register's Report
10:00 AM Fast Forward - Contemporary Science Fiction -

Joe Haldeman
10:30 AM Melissa's Menu - #51
11:00 AM Seniorize
11:30 AM Jazzercise
12:00 PM Movie - Sundown
1:30 PM In The Fight
2:00 PM Tabor Boy - 100 Years at Sea
3:00 PM Words of Peace - Today
3:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Nancy Putnam
4:30 PM The Song - Rob Menard
5:00 PM Physician Focus
5:30 PM The Commonwealth Report - Kenneth Kimmell
6:00 PM Graceful Aging - Good Grief
6:30 PM Senior Scene - Winter Readiness
7:00 PM The Mass Factor - Steven Howitt
7:30 PM Language of Business - Business and Lawyers
8:00 PM Painting Journeys
9:00 PM Upper Caper Tech Presents: Careers - Choccolaters
9:30 PM The Register's Report
10:00 PM Citizens for Economic Justice - Corporations are not People

Wednesday October 21, 2015

7:00 AM Creating Cooperative Kids
8:00 AM Our Fair Lady Gala Performance
9:00 AM Expedition New England - New York Time Warp
10:00 AM Melissa's Menu - #57
10:30 AM Living Healthy With The Women In You - Your Natural Medicine Cabinet
11:00 AM Seniorize
11:30 AM Jazzercise
12:00 PM Movie - Voyage to the Planet of Prehistoric Women
1:30 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors - Hearing Issues
2:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal - September 2015
3:00 PM Piney Point Players Club - Peter Pan
4:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - History of the Rochester Fire and Police Dept.
5:30 PM Hollywood Makeover - Vehicle Shots for your Independent Film
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today - October 1, 2015
6:30 PM Upper Caper Tech Presents: Careers - Choccolaters
7:00 PM The Song - Rob Menard
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx - October 1, 2015
8:00 PM Seniors - How to Maintain Your Independence
9:00 PM Piney Point Players Club - Peter Pan
10:00 PM In The Fight
10:30 PM Life Matters
11:00 PM 30 Odd Minutes - Phantom Hitchhikers With Christopher Balzano
11:30 PM Future Talk - The Millennium Project

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM - Latest School Committee Meeting
9:30 AM - Latest Conservation Commission
11:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
7:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
9:30 PM - Latest Marion Conservation Commission

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM - Latest Rochester School Committee Meeting
10:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:30 PM - Latest Rochester School Committee Meeting
5:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
7:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

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Daily Schedule

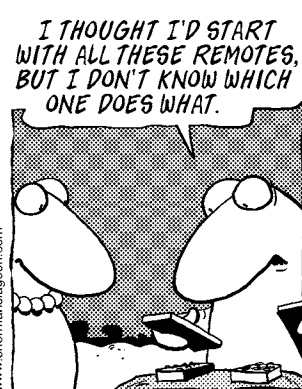
7:00 AM ORR District School Committee Meeting - September 9, 2015
8:30 AM ORR/JHS Student vs Faculty Basketball Game
9:30 AM Upper Caper Tech Presents: Careers - Choccolaters
10:00 AM Senior Superlatives 2015
11:10 AM ORR Senior Promenade
12:00 PM Old Rochester Junior High School has Talent - Finals
12:40 PM ORRHS TV Production PSA's
12:50 PM ORRHS TV Production PSA's
1:00 PM Sippican School - Mr. Resmini's Retirement
1:30 PM ORR Senior Awards Night 2015
3:40 PM ORR Graduation 2015
5:30 PM MEFA - Financial Aid Overview
6:00 PM Upper Caper Tech Presents: Careers - Choccolaters
6:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee - September 17, 2015
8:00 PM ORRHS TV Production PSA's

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To the Editor:

I want to thank all of the dedicated hard workers of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Rita's Parish in Marion, MA for the wonderful Italian spaghetti and meatball dinner and social held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the Marion VFW Post 2425.

The food was excellent. The raffle prizes and door prizes were wonderful. Much hard work went into putting that together. Not only cooking the entire meal and serving it, all of the door prizes had to be solicited from all of the businesses.

God bless you all and keep up the good work. Looking forward to next year.
Ilona G. Langhoff, Mattapoissett

St. Gabriel's Church Rummage Sale

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion will hold its Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, **October 24** from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Sponsored by the Adult Choir of St. Gabriel's, the sale will benefit both the music program and St. Gabriel's outreach and relief efforts. The sale takes place in the Parish Hall of St. Gabriel's Church, located at 124 Front Street in Marion. The choirs will also be hosting a bake sale at the same location, so plan to come and spend some time browsing and enjoying some delicious

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ORRJHS Students of the Month

Kevin T. Brogioli, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for September 2015.
Green Team: Hannah Johnson & Eric Tippins
Orange Team: Alexa McLeod & Stephen Feeney
Blue Team: Caitlin Simpson & Bennett Lynch
Red Team: Erin Davis & Thomas Durocher
Purple Team: Kiya Doberck & Benjamin Austin
Special Areas: Tova Brickley & Elijah Smith




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Obituaries:



Virginia L. (Nigro) Barry, 89, of Marion died October 1, 2015 peacefully at home, surrounded by her family and friends. Born and raised in Chelsea, "Ginny" was the daughter of the late Louis and Clara (Orlando) Nigro. In 1966, she settled at her home in Marion, where she raised her family with her husband.

Virginia was passionate about family, her garden, her art making and her many friends. She brought beauty into every aspect of her life with friends and family. A successful businesswoman, she was the owner of Virginia Barry Real Estate. As an accomplished pianist at a young age, she played in a professional all-girl band during World War II. Her group fronted for bands including, Louie Prima, Hoagie Carmichael and Benny Goodman at local USO Clubs.

Driven to create, she was a founding board member of the New Bedford Art Museum and an active member of the Marion Arts Center. Her paintings were exhibited locally and enjoyed by many. Virginia was a life-long learner. She traveled extensively and attended over 40 Elder Hostel classes around the world.

Virginia always had her eye to the sea in search of rising fish and working birds. She dearly loved her early morning exploits on the hunt for blues or bass in Marion Harbor and Buzzards Bay.

She is survived by her former husband, Elderic H. Barry, her son Mark L. Barry, his former wife Joan Hartnett-Barry both of Marion, her son Brian M. Barry of Ipswich, her daughter, Kim M. Barry of Mattapoisett, her sister-in-law Althea Nigro, and her grandchildren: Brendan Van Voris, Maura Van Voris, Mark Barry and Steven Barry as well as several nieces and nephews.

Her Memorial Service will be held on Saturday November 7th at 1:00 PM at Tabor Academy's Wickenden Chapel. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to South Coast HealthHospice at www.southcoast.org/vna For an online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

Nicholas J. Spinney, 75, of Tampa, FL and Mattapoisett, formerly of Needham, died Friday, October 9, 2015. Beloved husband for 50 years of the late Claire (Burke) Spinney, loving father of Donna Etchings and her husband Ted of Westwood, Nicholas Spinney Jr. and his wife Nancy of Wilmington, and David Spinney of Tampa, FL. Loving

grandfather of Cameron Etchings, Jared, Eric, and Kyle Spinney. Dear brother to the late Barbara Kennedy, John Spinney, Dorothy Brady, Paul Spinney, and Mary Handrahan. Nick was born in Boston to the late Nicholas and Blanche Spinney. He graduated from Brookline High School in 1958 and served in the U.S. Navy. He later earned his degree at Newbury College. Nick was very active and loved the ocean, bicycling, and being with his family. Local 103 IBEW (electrician) for 50 yrs., Ret. MBTA employee. Member of American Legion Post #5, Tampa. There will be no calling hours and memorial services will be private. Donations to Southcoast VNA Hospice Program, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719 are appreciated.



Steven Faustino, 40, of Middleboro passed away peacefully at his home with his love, (Cindy Bell), beloved mother Irene Faustino, BFF (Cathy Hart) and the greatest nurse ever, (Lora) at his side.

He was the beloved son of Joaquim

A. Faustino and Irene (Martin) Faustino. Steve is survived by his brother Christopher Faustino of Rochester and predeceased by his baby sister the late Kelly Ann Faustino. He is also survived by his two nephews, which Steve considered like sons, Christopher Faustino, Jr and Cody Faustino. Steve also had a special place in his heart for Amanda Eldridge and Lauren Eldridge, they were like sister's to him.

Steve will be remembered as a beloved son, loyal and honest friend, a selfless and caring man. He was the most amazing partner any woman could ever hope to find. He was the happiest when fighting fires, helping people, fishing, hunting in the woods with his dogs, and spending time with his family and friends.

Calling hours were held at South Coast Chapel Mortuary, 158 Middleboro Rd (Rt.18) East Freetown, Ma. 02717, on Sunday, October 11. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, October 12, 2015 at St. John Neumann Church, (across the street from the Chapel). Internment followed in Center Cemetery on Dexter lane in Rochester, Ma.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Milestone section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com. Included in the Milestone Section is Birth Announcements, Obituaries, Engagement Notices, Wedding Notices, Anniversaries and Memorials.

Free Movie: Last Tuesday of the Month

Aloha (PG, 1hr. 45min.) will be shown at the Mattapoisett CoA Senior Center, Center School, 17 Barstow Street, on Tuesday, **October 27** at 12:00 noon. The free movie is sponsored by the Friends of the Mattapoisett CoA.

Aloha is a comedy about a military contractor who returns to the site of his greatest career triumphs. He reconnects with a long-ago love and at the same time unexpectedly falls for his hard-charging Air Force watchdog.

You get two pizza slices for only \$2 prepaid. Pay for your pizza at the CoA Senior Center by Monday, October 26. Please call the Senior Center at 508-758-4110 to reserve your seat – we need know how many chairs to set up.

Plumb Library Programs

Take a break from cooking and enjoy a family night out while also supporting the Friends of Plumb Library and the Rochester Council on Aging. This will take place on Saturday, **October 17** at 5:30 pm.

Join us at the Rochester COA, 67 Dexter Lane, for delicious spaghetti, meatballs, beverages, and dessert! Then, relax and watch a fun family movie!

Payment accepted at Plumb Library or at the door: \$8 per person or \$25 per family! For more details or to reserve a space, call the library at 508-763-8600 or check our Events Calendar on www.plumblibrary.com.

The Friends support Children's Programs, Museum Passes, Book Clubs for Adults, Summer Programs, Bookpages Magazine, and all Special Performances.

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library, the Elizabeth Taber Library, and the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library will present a talk and book signing by Margaret Medeiros, author of *New Bedford Mansions: Historic Tales of County Street* on Saturday, **October 24** at 2:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. Hear tales of the wealthy families of New Bedford, such as the Rotch, Morgan, and Howland

families.

Margaret Medeiros is a research historian focused on New Bedford's artists, families and homes. She currently writes a column for New Bedford's *The Standard-Times* and blogs for the paper. She is a frequent guest lecturer at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum and the Dartmouth Heritage Preservation Trust. She was a contributing writer for *The Standard-Times'* publication "The Charles W. Morgan Returns to New Bedford." For more information or to reserve a seat, call your local library or check the Events Calendar at www.plumblibrary.com.

Christmas in October

The Meanings of Christmas is the title of The Rochester Historical Society's **October 21** program. Jeannie Roy and a Special Guest will present the program. Come and learn the historical origins of the meanings of Christmas. This will be followed by a sing-a-long and, of course, some goodies. Everyone is welcome! October 21 at 7:00 pm at the East Rochester Church Museum located at 355 County Road, East Rochester.

The Museum at 355 County Road will be open Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in October. Stop by to view the Police and Fire History Display and do your Christmas Shopping in the Gift Shop which has everything "Rochester."

Upcoming Elizabeth Taber Library Programs

Technology Demos: Come to the Elizabeth Taber Library to learn all about our new, fun, electronic resources for the Marion community.

- **October 15** at 11:00 am: Universal Class (free online courses)

- **October 22** at 11:00 am: Indieflix (movies)

- **October 29** at 11:00 am: Zinio Digital Magazines.

To register, please contact the Elizabeth Taber Library at 508-748-1252.

Afternoon Book Club: Please join us for a delightful afternoon book discussion every third Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm. On **October 20**, we will discuss


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***Freaks* (1932). Starring Wallace Ford and Leila Hyams. Directed by Tod Browning. Running time: 64 minutes.**

The horror of Tod Browning's notorious *Freaks* is not simply that it showcases "freaks." It kicks off with a long, gloriously pious text prologue soliciting the audience's sympathy for the malformed, the mutilated, and so forth. (It was assumed, of course, that the film's audience was composed of "normals.") Then, for a good long while, every scene seems to make the same point: that the differently bodied are no different from "normal people" in emotion, in their need to belong, and in their sexual drives. The "normal" audience is thus conditioned to see the "freaks" merely as "normal" people in unusual packages. So we shouldn't be so surprised, perhaps, when the "freaks" end up acting, indeed, much like the violent, vindictive, vengeful "normals" who have forced their hands.

Set behind the scenes of a circus sideshow, *Freaks* gives us what Stephen King pegged as an E.C. Comics horror story twenty years early. The midgett Hans (Harry Earles) falls in love with able-bodied trapeze artist Cleopatra (Olga Baclanova). She strings him along, getting jewelry and "loans" out of him, until she learns he's sitting on a fat inheritance. Then Cleopatra conspires with her real love, strongman Hercules (Victor Henry), to marry Hans and gradually poison him to death. Hans' fellow outcasts -- who had earlier grievously offended Cleopatra with their wedding-night chant "Gooble gobble, we accept her, one of us, one of us" -- band together for ghastly revenge.

The beginning of that climactic sequence boasts a genuinely badass moment Quentin Tarantino would be proud to have filmed: dwarf Jerry Austin snapping open his switchblade and polishing it, followed by "half-boy" Johnny Eck taking out a gun and polishing it, while dwarf Angelo Rossitto plays his flute, unperturbed. *Freaks* is essentially a melodrama (based glancingly on Tod Robbins' rather corny short story "Spurs") that rolls inexorably towards a uniquely powerful and frightening

denouement. It's not that the "freaks" confirm our suspicions about them as inhuman; it's that they, after spending much of the

running time seeming quite amiable, fulfill their potential towards a darker kind of humanity. In true *noir* fashion, they prove as rotten as almost anyone else onscreen.

After the movie died in previews, a nervous MGM hacked out roughly half an hour, reportedly including a scene in which we see exactly what the enraged performers do to Hercules (castration, rumor has always had it). In the existing film, we never find out what happens to him, which kind of makes it worse, since our imaginations fill in the grotesque details. Part of the horror, for me, was seeing one of the "pinhead" women -- previously never seen without gleeful smiles -- crawl through the mud after Hercules, her face frozen and numb. The "freaks" are not shown to *enjoy* their revenge, exactly; it's just something that must be done. The "straight" world has stomped on their kind once too often.

Tod Browning, who'd directed a few Lon Chaney vehicles as well as Lugosi's *Dracula*, more or less killed his career with this film; he would helm only four more before spending twenty years inactive until his death in 1962. In truth, Browning's choice of material and comfort with the unusual were always more interesting than his generally stiff direction; someone like James Whale might have found bizarre outsider wit in the story. But where it counts, in that apocalyptic finale and the revelation of Cleopatra's fate, Browning locked in some of horror cinema's most indelible images. Decades later, of course, *Freaks* would find a younger, more appreciative audience on video and midnight-movie showings, influencing filmmakers as well as the Ramones (who misquoted the freak-chant as "gabby gabby" on their 1977 song "Pinhead"). By then, it wasn't that Americans accepted freaks but that Americans accepted themselves as one of them.



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Rachel Joyce's book *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*. November's book selection is *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. Please stop into the Elizabeth Taber Library today to register and reserve a copy of the monthly book.

Drop-in Technology Help: Do you have questions about Facebook, Twitter, Skype, or need technology assistance with an electronic device you recently bought or acquired? Then stop into the Elizabeth Taber Library any Monday and/or Thursday now through November 12 between 3:00 - 4:00pm, and one of our friendly staff members will walk you through it! No registration is required for this free drop-in program. First come; first served.

Please note, if you cannot make one of these days, call the Elizabeth Taber Library to make an appointment for another time.

Mystery Book Club: Join us at the Elizabeth Taber Library for our monthly Mystery Book Club meeting, which is held the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am. On **November 4**, we will discuss *Blue Labyrinth* by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. Please stop into the Elizabeth Taber Library today to register and reserve a copy of the monthly book.

Museum Passes: Looking for something fun to do with friends and family? Then come to the Elizabeth Taber Library to check out any of our museum passes with your SAILS library card! We currently have passes to the New Bedford Whaling Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Plimoth

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The Rochester Country Fairgrounds hosted a tractor pull of the Mass Mini Tractor Pullers Association on October 10. The tractors are hand-built by their owners, using naturally-aspirated auto engines that are 500-1,000 horsepower. There will be another all-day tractor pull event on October 24 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Photos by Colin Veitch



Above & Below: On October 6, the Garden Group of the Mattapoisett Women's Club and their guests toured the Green Animals Topiary Gardens and historic Brayton Home in Portsmouth RI. Following the tour, the ladies enjoyed lunch at The Cove Restaurant in Fall River. Photo courtesy Bev Gleason



Early morning at Mary's Pond, Rochester. Photo courtesy George Landry

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Plantation, Providence Children's Museum, Roger Williams Zoo and the MassParks Pass. To reserve a pass or for more information, please call the library at 508-748-1252 or visit our website www.elizabethtablerlibrary.org.

MAC Hosts Annual Halloween Parade

The volunteer witches of the Marion Art Center have been brewing up plans for the annual Halloween Parade around the Town on Saturday, **October 31**. Costumed characters of all ages are welcome to be a part of this fun family event. Everyone should meet at the Marion Music Hall (corner of Front and Cottage Streets) at 4:00 pm. Under the direction of Hannah Moore, the Sippican Elementary School Styxx Drum Corps will lead the parade followed by witches, goblins, princesses, ghosts and all sorts of spooky and amusing spirits. The parade route goes south on Front Street, then up Main Street, right on to Spring Street and back down Cottage to the Music Hall. Marchers are invited into the Music Hall where surprise goody bags will be handed out by the good, kind witches of the Marion Art Center. Come one, come all!

The Marion Art Center, a not-for-profit organization, is proud to sponsor this annual community event and invites everyone to participate. The Marion Art Center has been promoting the visual and performing arts in the community since 1957 and is located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

MAC Free Actors Workshops

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce that it will host a series of workshops titled "The Actor Prepares." Under the direction of Rex McGraw, Ph.D. Theatre Arts, the workshops for adults will run on Tuesday, **October 20**, Tuesday, **October 27** and Tuesday, **November 3** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Using text from scripts, Dr. McGraw will teach participants how to prepare a role through a series of exercises that show how to develop a character. Experienced and novice actors are invited to participate in one or all of the sessions that are free and open to the public. Come and explore your inner actor!

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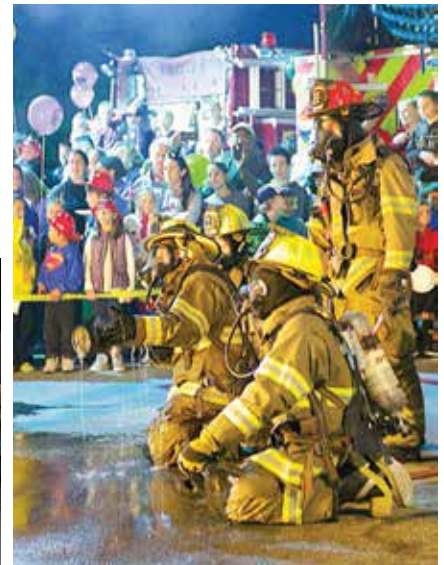
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The Mattapoissett Fire Department welcomed the community on Thursday, October 8 during its annual Open House. Families enjoyed food, fun games, live demonstrations, and activities aimed at educating the public on fire safety during this National Fire Prevention Week. Photos by Colin Veitch



Many thanks to Mike, Isaac and Adam of the Marion Harbormaster's office for the wonderful trip to Bird Island last week. Warm weather and very little wind added up to a perfect opportunity to explore the island during it's shore bird "off season". We looked for left over eggs, bones and nesting material. We also had an opportunity to visit the light house and take in views from the top, which included Cape Cod and the canal railroad bridge. Thank you for the great trip! Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Calling All Artists and Crafters

The Mattapoisett Historical Society is having its annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. It will be held on Saturday, **December 5** from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Because of the limited size of the exhibit area, the Fair is on a first-come, first-served basis. The Fair is a wonderful time to show smaller items that are appealing to both adults and children as potential stocking stuffers.

Each participant will pay a non-refundable fee of \$25 for a 3-foot x 3-foot counter or table space. The fee is in lieu of a percentage of sales. You will need to bring your own supplies for displaying your merchandise. Participants will be guaranteed a space **ONLY** if we have received their payment by November 6. After that, it will be on a space available basis only. Participants will be able to set up their space at 8:00 am on that Saturday and must remove the display immediately following the Fair.

Please reply to Mattapoisett Historical Society at 508-758-2844, by e-mail at mattapoisethistoricalsociety.org or by sending in a note. In each case we need your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and the art/craft to be sold. Space will be confirmed upon receipt of your check, which must be made payable to the Mattapoisett Historical Society.

There are a few other events occurring in town that day and folks should be in a great shopping mood, so please come and join us.

Music of the Macabre ... and More

"It's creepy and it's kooky, mysterious and spooky" ... it's "Music of the Macabre ... and More," a program on **October 24** to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven.

The concert, a presentation of the church's Music Committee, will begin at 7:30 pm.

To get you into the spirit of Halloween, you'll be regaled with spine-tingling music on the organ, some melancholy (and amusing) piano compositions, a couple of Broadway songs (with sad endings), some suitably hair-raising violin tunes, a bit of ghoulish humor, and chilling stories and poems.

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pianist/vocalist Tim Evans, baritone Tony Oliva, soprano Joanna Weeks, violinist Keri Benson and her advanced students, and other talented members of the UUSF.

Program selections include Bach's Toccata in Fugue in D minor, Chopin piano preludes, "I Hold Your Hand in Mine" by Tom Lehrer, "As Long As He Needs Me" from the musical *Oliver!* and "Spooky Violins Suite."

The suggested donation is \$10 for the program, which is intended for audience members 16 and older. Light refreshments will follow the concert.

The church at 102 Green Street is handicapped accessible via a ramp off the Center Street driveway. For more information, call 508-992-7081.

Mattapoisett Recreation

Mattapoisett Recreation announces that registration is now open for Co-Ed Kindergarten and 1st Grade basketball and Co-Ed 2nd Grade Basketball programs.

Kindergarten-1st Grade: Two sessions available – Mondays from 3:00 - 3:45 pm or Wednesdays from 5:00 - 5:45 pm. Session runs January 4 - March 7; cost is \$50/ player; registration deadline is December 18.

Grade 2 Co-Ed Basketball: Sign up & Open Gym night – October 21 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at Center School Gym. Placement night is Tuesday, November 3. Practices and games are Wednesdays starting in January; open gym time is Saturdays from 9:00 - 10:00 am; cost is \$50/ player;

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Aug 30–Sept 5

- Allen St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Main St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV accident
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Wareham Rd – Medical emergency
- Ichabod Ln – MV accident
- Wilson Rd – Health/welfare
- Green St – Message delivery
- Main St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Green St – Message delivery
- Ichabod Ln – Medical emergency
- Ichabod Ln – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Main St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Front St – Suspicious person
- Rocky Knook Ln – Suspicious person
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Parkway Ln – Follow up investigation
- Delano Rd – MV accident
- Nokomis Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Converse Rd – Death
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Delano Rd – Larceny/in progress
- Wareham Rd – Noise complaint
- Creek Rd – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Aug 30–Sept 5

- Tallman St - Soliciting
- North St – 911 call
- Main St - Complaint
- Lynfield Ln – MV stolen
- Lynfield Ln – B&E/MV
- Mechanic St – B&E/MV
- Ridgewood Rd – B&E/MV
- Melanie Ln – B&E/MV
- Ridgewood Rd – B&E/MV
- Pearl St – B&E/MV
- Lynfield Ln – B&E/MV
- Pearl St – B&E/MV
- Knollwood Dr – B&E/MV
- Field St – B&E/MV
- Meadow Ln – B&E/MV
- Brandt Island Rd - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – Restraining order violation
- Water St – B&E/MV
- Marion Rd – Unwanted person
- Marion Rd – Restraining order violation
- Mechanic St – Ambulance request
- Ocean View Ave – Medical assist
- Ocean View Ave – Medical assist
- Reservation Rd – MV crash
- Ocean View Ave – Medical assist
- Marion Rd - Threats
- North St – MV crash
- North St – Domestic disturbance
- Marion Rd – Arrest/warrant

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Aug 30–Sept 5

- Rounseville Rd - Investigation
- New Bedford Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Mendell Rd - Investigation
- Mendell Rd – Officer wanted
- New Bedford Rd - Investigation
- Rounseville Rd - Investigation
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Neck Rd – Harassment order service
- Walnut Plain Rd – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Health/welfare
- Cushman Rd – Officer wanted
- Cushman Rd – Officer wanted
- North Ave - Complaint
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- North Ave – Ambulance request
- Cushman Rd – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Boxberry Ln – Ambulance request
- Wolf Island Rd – Message delivery
- Randall Rd – Officer wanted
- Hartley Rd - Investigation
- Hartley Rd – Officer wanted
- Mattapoisett Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Alley Rd - Lockout
- Boxberry Ln – Officer wanted
- Boxberry Ln - Investigation
- Bennett Rd – Ambulance request
- Neck Rd – Officer wanted

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.mwauditor.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Oct 19: High Sodium Hot dog with roll, mustard & ketchup packet, vegetarian beans, hot German salad, applesauce

Tuesday, Oct 20: Unsalted saltines, chicken & rice soup, teriyaki chicken, Oriental vegetables, multigrain roll, Mandarin oranges

Wednesday, Oct 21: Tossed salad w/ dressing, mac n' cheese, escalloped tomatoes, fruit muffin, almond cookie

Thursday, Oct 22: Chicken a la king, whole grain rice Florentine, peas & carrots, biscuit, fresh orange

Friday, Oct 23: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Genoa blend, whole wheat roll, tapioca pudding, diet: diet pudding

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 19: Fish n chips: potato crunch fish file, roasted fries, coleslaw & dinner roll, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Oct 20: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, steamed corn, warm breadstick, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Oct 21: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh garden salad with dressing, fruit, milk

Thursday, Oct 22: Pancakes or mini cinnamon buns, lite sausage links, hash browns & maple syrup, fruit, milk

Friday, Oct 23: Cheeseburgers, sweet potato fries, ketchup, mustard, relish, fruit, milk

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Oct 19: Fish n chips: potato crunch fish file, roasted fries, coleslaw & dinner roll, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Oct 20: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, steamed corn, warm breadstick, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Oct 21: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh garden salad with dressing, fruit, milk

Thursday, Oct 22: Pancakes or mini cinnamon buns, lite sausage links, hash browns & maple syrup, fruit, milk

Friday, Oct 23: Cheeseburgers, sweet potato fries, ketchup, mustard, relish, fruit, milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Oct 19: Build a burger: cheese, bacon, lettuce & tomato, garden salad, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Oct 20: Chicken nuggets,

lightly buttered egg noodles, glazed carrots, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Oct 21: French toast w/ syrup, light sausage patties, hash brown, apple crisp, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Thursday, Oct 22: Baked ziti, broccoli salad, bread stick, parmesan cheese, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Friday, Oct 23: Steak & cheese sandwich, sautéed peppers & onions, cucumber slices, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Oct 19: Fish n chips: potato crunch fish file, roasted fries, coleslaw & dinner roll, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Oct 20: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, steamed corn, warm breadstick, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Oct 21: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh garden salad with dressing, fruit, milk

Thursday, Oct 22: Pancakes or mini cinnamon buns, lite sausage links, hash browns & maple syrup, fruit, milk

Friday, Oct 23: Cheeseburgers, sweet potato fries, ketchup, mustard, relish, fruit, milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 19: Fish n chips: potato crunch fish file, roasted fries, coleslaw & dinner roll, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Oct 20: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, steamed corn, warm breadstick, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Oct 21: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh garden salad with dressing, fruit, milk

Thursday, Oct 22: Pancakes or mini cinnamon buns, lite sausage links, hash browns & maple syrup, fruit, milk

Friday, Oct 23: Cheeseburgers, sweet potato fries, ketchup, mustard, relish, fruit, milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Oct 19: Steak sub, peppers & onions, cheese & roasted sweet potatoes

Tuesday, Oct 20: Mozzarella sticks, fries & baked beans

Wednesday, Oct 21: Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread

Thursday, Oct 22: Early release – No lunches

Friday, Oct 23: FOOD DAY: specials posted on Cafeteria web page under FOOD DAY

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Mattapoisett Recreation is now accepting registrations for Junior High Basketball Season. Registration deadline is October 31.

Boys' league placement night is November 5. Practices start in November. Games begin mid-December and end with playoffs in March. Games will be Thursday nights at the Junior High School. Practices are on Monday or Tuesday evenings. Open gym is from 12:00 - 1:00 pm on Saturdays at OHS. Cost is \$90/player.

Girls' Junior High Basketball will be Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. The 90-minute clinics will combine skills and drills with game play. Session runs January 5 - March 1. Cost is \$50/player.

Registration is open to all Junior High students. Flyers will be sent home with students. Register online at www.mattrec.net; please email any questions to mattrec@mattapoisett.net or call 508-758-4100 ext. 227.

Mattapoisett Recreation and Marion Recreation have joined to form both a Girls' and Boys' Tri-Town Basketball League for all students in grades 3-6. More players, more gyms, more basketball equals more fun.

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Mattapoisett and Rochester residents should sign up through Mattapoisett Recreation using registration form on flyer or through www.mattrec.net. Marion residents sign up through Marion Recreation. Flyers will go home with students or download registration form at info@marionrecreation.com.

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15 With 87-Down, Academy Award hopefuls
20 In a skillful manner
21 Of Israel's language
22 777, for one
23 Man living in Scotland's capital?
25 Tundra coat
26 Deep blue
27 River craft
28 Shangri-las
30 — do-well (idle type)
31 Half of twelve
33 Man with no fastening band?
36 Fistfight reminder
39 "I'm tellin' ya, that's who!"
40 — Francisco
41 Slightly
44 1994 "Saturday Night Live" spinoff film
48 Start to mature?
50 Attacks a man?

- 52 Rodent-killing poison, old-style
57 Missouri River city
58 Like details for carrying out an operation
60 "Get lost!"
61 Rock music's — Leppard
62 Archie Bunker type
65 John, to lan
66 Excessively
69 Man at one's heels?
73 1964 Beatles song
75 Dreaded IRS probe: Abbr.
76 Stipulations
77 Barely get, with "out"
80 Actor Malden
81 Much better than so-so
84 Stopwatch, e.g.
86 "Webster" star Lewis
89 Man doing some film editing?
92 Blue Jays, on scoreboards
93 Very fast, in scores
95 Chooses
96 "Na Na" preceder

- 99 Very manly
101 Artists' props
103 Man who owns a Mexican restaurant?
108 Oz. and lb.
109 Add (on)
113 Huge
114 Treat like dirt
116 Actor Peter
117 Steak type
118 "Ms. Oakley, go after that man?"
123 Small vessel for oil or wine
124 Piling-on footballer
125 Render obsolete
126 — a thought ...
127 Ought to have, informally
128 Forced away (from)

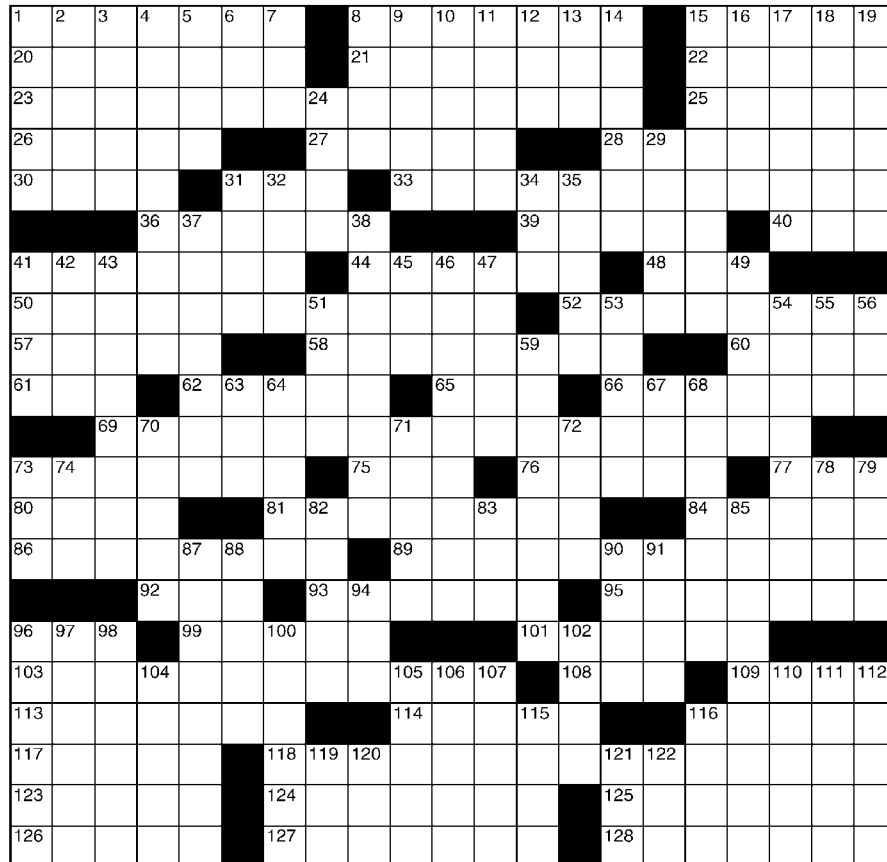
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- 1 Heavy noble gas
2 Bring forth
3 Pfeiffer of "Cybill"
4 Use a harpoon
5 Berkshire school
6 Old politico Landon

- 7 Soap compound
8 Emmy winner
9 Actors Sean and Kai
10 Head of a monastery
11 More faithful
12 Old Egypt-Syr. alliance
13 Large
14 "Peanuts" cartoonist
15 Foes
16 Smacks
17 West Indies natives
18 City ESE of Istanbul
19 Rationality
24 Cato's 611
29 Lead on
31 WWII battle city in France
32 Robert who played A.J. Soprano
34 Blind — bat
35 — dish
37 Friendly
38 Oversize-load escort vehicle
41 Leon Urin' "— in Ruins"
42 Heavy book
43 Assert anew

- 45 Dress finely, with "out"
46 Hangouts on the slopes
47 Cuban bills
49 Buddy who played a Clampett
51 Really ruin
53 One- (short drama)
54 Bookish
55 — "King" Cole
56 Ending of ordinal numbers
59 In direct confrontation
63 Feeling sick
64 "Fiddler on the Roof" wife
67 Resistance unit
68 Purify, as liquor
70 D sharp's sound-alike
71 Leg exercise
72 Nap locales
73 Clanton of Tombstone
74 Gp. of relatives
78 Daily Planet's Clark
79 Physician's work units
82 Aristotle's A
83 Prov. with Thunder Bay

- 85 Wintertime tempests
87 See 15-Across
88 Europe-Asia border range
90 "Hey you!"
91 Alternative to Levi's
94 Giant bird of myth
96 Sew
97 Man, in Spain
98 Brand of hot dogs
100 Gnipppers on shoes
102 Throw — blanket on the roof
104 Cliffhanging
105 17-syllable poem
106 Clear as —
107 Summoned in an airport
110 Lingo
111 Unrefined
112 Nervous, with "up"
115 Fluids in syringes
116 Guitar relative
119 "Uh-uh" e.g.
121 "That hurts!"
122 Father or Lady lead-in



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your moodier side might emerge this week. But the dark period should pass in time for the party-loving Lamb to go on a happy gambol with some very special people this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas you can smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love being on center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all that praise, be careful not to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion about a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers unless they can show a real basis for their position.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore current job responsibilities. A personal relationship also can benefit from more of your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't guess at what the facts might be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers you get.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your efforts involving that pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This would allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still have explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You also might want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.

BORN THIS WEEK: You insist on making decisions based on facts, not on popular opinions. Have you considered a career in science?

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Tabor Academy Graboys Leadership Symposium

Faculty Symposium Chair Mel Bride has planned a wonderful blend of inspiring keynote speakers along with break out groups led by alumni and other local and national social entrepreneurs with the aim of flexing students' innovation muscles and creating some new ideas to solve local or global problems. The symposium, named for George and Lois Graboys, is aptly titled "Creative Leadership through Social Entrepreneurship."

The lineup of keynote speakers sharing their perspectives on ways that creative leadership can be utilized to bring about social change include Alan Harlam, the Director of Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship at Brown University's Swearer Center for Public Service; Jim Deters of Galvanize; Candy Brush, Vice Provost of Global Entrepreneurial Leadership at Babson College; and Heather Neurwith, Associate Director of the Center for Social Entrepreneurship at Middlebury College.

Head of School John Quirk shared, "Empathy is now understood to be one of the key qualities of effective leaders. As Tabor strives to create adaptable leaders for the 21st century, exposure to these concepts and ideas around social entrepreneurship, and the time to surface new ideas in small groups to solve pressing community needs, creates the kind of relevant learning Tabor students thrive with."

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representing six different industries, will lead the working breakout groups of students and faculty. Their insights will highlight the power of creative organizations to find innovative solutions to complex challenges. For example, Cynthia Wigren will share an overview of her initiatives that capture the importance of white sharks for future generations. Jon Feinman will showcase how inner city weightlifting programs can reduce violence and promote professional, personal and academic achievement among urban youth.

A number of Tabor alumni will participate as group leaders to inspire students with their expertise and experience. To name just a few, Chris Benzak '93 will share his journey in creating Newport BioDiesel, an

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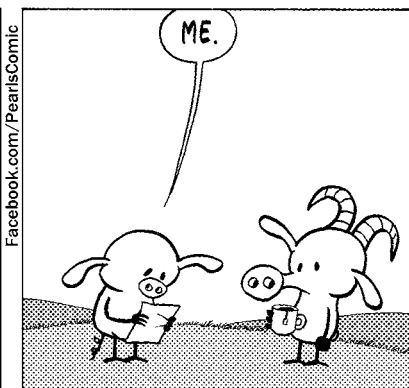
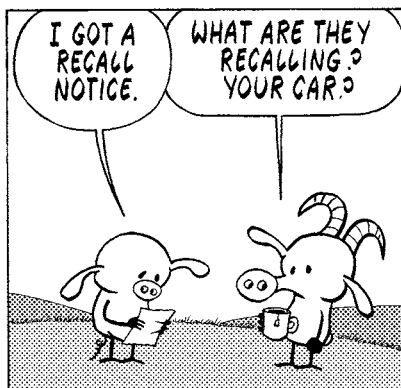
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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1081</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing regarding the petition of James Fraser & Katherine Hanson for property located at 361 Snow's Pond Road, further identified on Assessor's Map 40, Lots 8 & 9 who are seeking a Special Permit under Section VIII.C.2 to allow an accessory structure within the front yard area. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way. Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 10/8, 10/15</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1082</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing regarding the petition of Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corp., d/b/a Verizon Wireless for property located at 153 Cranberry Highway, further identified on Assessor's Map 17, Lot 53 for the appeal of the Building Commissioner's decision for the applicant to file a Site Plan Review application with the Planning Board. As shown on the plans provided, the Facility will consist of a total of 12 panel antennas in 3 sectors (each containing 4 antennas) that will be located at an elevation of 110' on the tower. Nine remote radio heads and 6 junction boxes will be connected to the antennas. The Facility will be supported by an 11'6" x 26' equipment shelter installed within a fenced-in ground compound. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room at 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 10/8, 10/15</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN/BOARD OF ASSESSORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 7:05 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, for the purpose of determining the classification of real property. Stephen M. Cushing, Chairman Board of Selectmen Bradford N. Eames, Chairman Board of Assessors 10/15, 10/22</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN INVITATION TO BID</p> <p>The Town of Mattapoisett invites sealed proposals from Contractors for the: Partial Asphalt Shingle Roof Replacement at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, in accordance with the Contract Documents. Sealed general bids from Contractors will be received at the Town Administrator's Office of 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts 02739 at the times specified below, at which time they will be opened and read aloud in the Town Hall Conference Room.</p> <p>General Bid opening: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>A pre-bid meeting will begin at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library located at 7 Barstow Street on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 9:00 am. Interested parties shall meet at the main entrance of this building.</p> <p>Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents will be available for download at www.biddocsonline.com on October 14, 2015 at 12:00pm (may be viewed electronically and hard copy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01479 (978-568-1167). Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc. to cover mail handling costs. Deposits may be electronically paid or must be a certified or cashier's check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00 per set.</p> <p>All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including MGL Ch. 149, s.44A through 44H and all amendments and all guidelines established by the Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance regulation 810 C.M.R. 4.00. All work on this project must meet the requirements of all applicable state and local codes, laws and ordinances, as well as the requirements of the Specifications. Contractors shall schedule work, material deliveries and provide protection as required to cause as little interference as possible with the Owner's normal use of the building.</p>	<p>Sections 29, 34, 34A and 44A through 44J of Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are incorporated herein by reference, as well as Sections 39F through 39P of Chapter 30 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all other provisions of the General Laws applicable to public construction on this Project. Any inconsistency between the Invitation to Bid, Information for Bidders, Bid Forms, Conditions or any other Contract Documents or potential Contract Document and these statutes, or any other applicable statutes, by-laws or regulations existing on the date on which a bid is submitted, shall not be grounds for invalidating the bidding procedure, but where required by law, such statute, by-law or regulation shall be deemed to govern.</p> <p>The General Bidder must be prequalified in the category of Roofing with the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance. A copy of the Contractor's Certificate of Eligibility (DCAM Form CQ7) must accompany the bid, as well as an Update Statement (DCAM Form CQ3) and Certificate as to Corporate Bidder (if incorporated, Certificate of Compliance. Bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check payable to the Town of Mattapoisett is required in a dollar amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount. Performance and Labor Bonds issued from a satisfactory surety company shall be required of the successful bidder in the amount of 100% of the contract and such premiums shall be included in the bid amount.</p> <p>Bidders are required to comply with the minimum wage schedule as set by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (MGL Ch. 149, Sec. 26 to 27D inclusive of all amendments) and included and the bid documents.</p> <p>The Town of Mattapoisett reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received, or to reject any and all bids, or to accept proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. No bidder may withdraw its bid for thirty days after the bid opening.</p> <p>Gale Associates, Inc. 163 Libbey Parkway Weymouth, Massachusetts 02189</p> <p>For the: Town of Mattapoisett Attention: Mr. Michael Gagne Town Administrator 16 Main Street Mattapoisett, Massachusetts 02739 10/15</p>

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



alternative clean energy company. Christian Garriss '05 will provide a first-hand account of his efforts to reinvent a nonprofit organization, Third Eye, which seeks to engage young leaders in positively transforming their community through the music industry. Kristi Miller '01, of WestWind Foundation, will speak about her work in developing cutting-edge sex education videos for parents and educators to use with students, specifically those from underserved communities.

Representing a wide spectrum of social challenges, these entrepreneurs will share effective strategies and innovative methods to inspire students to build careers in order to achieve social impact. This year's Graboys Leadership Symposium presents a unique opportunity for the Tabor community to advance thinking and learning about the topic of entrepreneurship, the power of empathy, and to learn from the expertise of leading social entrepreneurs.

Gateway Youth Hockey

Pee Wees: The Gateway Pee Wee team played their toughest game of the season against the always strong Cape Cod Waves. The Waves held Gateway to just one goal in the first period when **Stephen Old** scored off of an assist by **Ben Martins**. Gateway would start to pull away with two more goals in the second period by **RJ Vickery** off of assists by Old and **Nathan Ribeiro**. The Waves scored a goal to narrow the lead to two, but



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Gateway would seal the deal with two final goals. Old scored off of a second assist by Martins and **Austin Fleming** scored off of an assist by **Luke Mello** to end the game with a score of 5-1 with Gateway on top. The entire team passed well and played hard.

Bantams: Gateway Gladiator Bantams won both weekend contests, first defeating the WHK Hawks 6-0, then blanking the SC Panthers 7-0. Goalies **Jake Demoranville** and **Zachary Pateakos** shared the shutouts. **Jack Martins** finished the weekend with five goals, and **James L'Heureux** scored a pair of goals. **Robert Ramsay**, **Jameson Woodward**, **Peter Pimental**, **Chris Cogan** and **Ty Lovendale** each scored goals. **Quirino DoCanto** and Ty Lovendale each had three assists, while **Nick Snow** had

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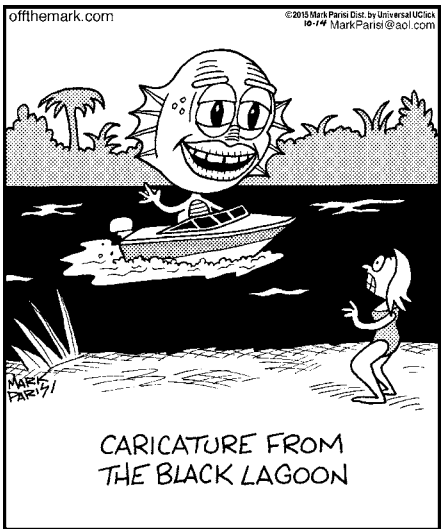


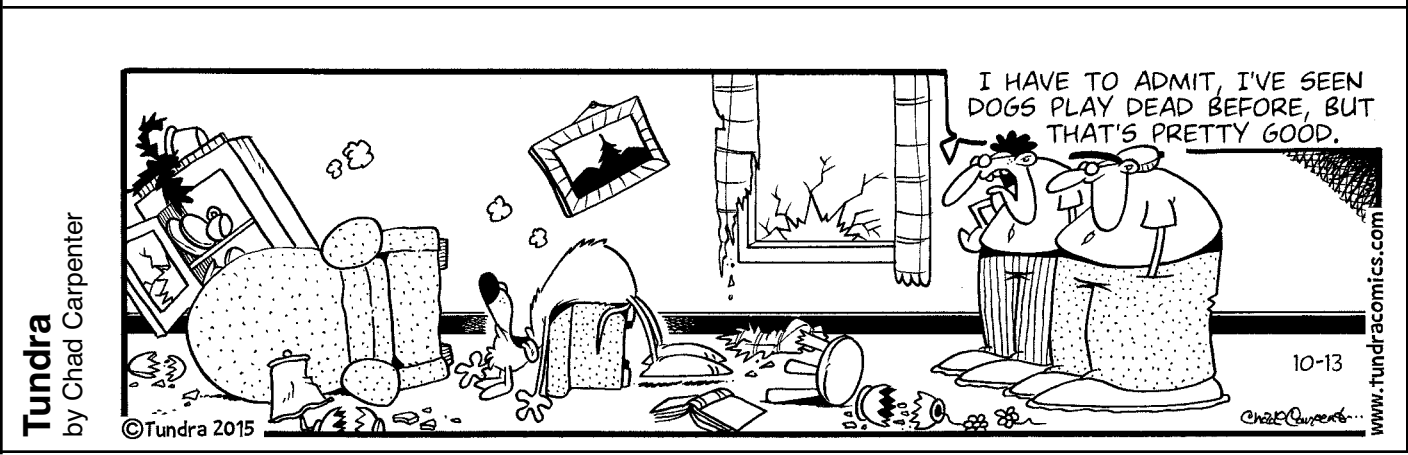
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<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File No. 41D-1592) submitted by ROBERT NAU, for the upgrade of a residential septic system for the existing home at 53 Piney Point Road. The site is further identified as Lot 36 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 10/15</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by William & Kathleen Sylvia, 41 Cove Street. The proposed project is to install storage shed on parking area. The project is located at 41 Cove Street, and is further identified as Lot #39 on Assessor Map #1. 10/15</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Dwight E. Smith.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to construct an 8'x21' addition and remove, replace and relocate the front porch steps.</p> <p>The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of the Top of a Coastal Bank.</p> <p>The property is known as 6 Windward Way and is further identified as Lot #35 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #12.</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:05 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File No. 41D-1593) submitted by JOHN ALMY, for the replacement of the existing decks with a larger deck at 93C Piney Point Road. The site is further identified as Lot 41 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 10/15</p>	<p>off the mark by Mark Parisi</p>  <p>CARICATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON</p>



a pair of helpers. **Zachary Lovendale**, **Brian Gallagher**, and **Jackson St. Don** assisted goals, as did Ramsay, Woodward, Cogan and **Zachary Barris**. Defenseman **Noah DeMoranville** was solid on the blueline.

Nasketucket Bird Club

Who knew there was a connection between the coffee we drink in the morning and the birds we watch outside? Bill Wilson of Birds & Beans Coffee knows. Bill will present on neo-tropical migrants and what we can do, including coffee choice, to help bird conservation.

The event will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, **October 22** at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Carolyn Longworth at bvm1290@comcast.net or visit the club website at <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/>.

Winter Moth Prevention: Free Workshop

The Mattapoisett Tree Committee and Tree Warden Roland Cote will present a tree-banding workshop to demonstrate how to band trees to trap winter moths this fall before they climb trees and lay eggs for a new generation of caterpillars. The workshop will take place on Saturday, **October 17** at the Mattapoisett Land Trust's property at Dunseith Gardens (Salty, The Seahorse), located at the corner of Rte. 6 and North Street at 1:00 pm. Rain date is October 18.

This environmentally-friendly technique is relatively easy for homeowners to use on their trees. The workshop is presented in partnership with the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the two trees that will be banded will be visible for several months for all to see the quantity of female moths trapped and prevented from laying their numerous eggs.

If you would like to attend this free workshop, please contact the Mattapoisett Tree Committee at MattapoisettTreeCom@gmail.com or like us on Facebook at MattapoisettTreeCommittee for updates on our work to protect and encourage trees in Mattapoisett.

For those who are unable to attend the workshop, the following is a list of some things to do to protect trees:

1. Clean up leaves around trees to control the moth population.
2. Tree banding in the fall is a preventative control. The proper way to tree band will be demonstrated at the workshop. Visit http://mattapoisett.net/Pages/MattapoisettMA_WebDocs/treewarden for information if unable to attend the workshop. It is important to never apply petroleum or sticky substances directly to a tree.
3. Dormant oil sprays are safe for home application when used as directed and works by coating and suffocating egg deposits on the bark of trees. It must be applied before winter moth caterpillars hatch, usually February into March.
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The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will hold their October meeting on **October 15** at noon in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street.

Mary Worden, a local artist, will speak about art, her paintings, travel, and the importance of art for children. Mary has traveled to many foreign lands including Mexico, Wales, Italy, Ireland and France. Her paintings express the cultures, colors and art forms she has experienced in her journeys. Mary also volunteers at Nativity Preparatory School where she loves working with students to develop their love for and talent in The Arts.

Please join us for a very inspiring talk and a close-up view of some of Mary's work. We welcome interested residents of all nearby towns to our meetings. You do not have to be a Mattapoisett resident to be a part of our Woman's Club.

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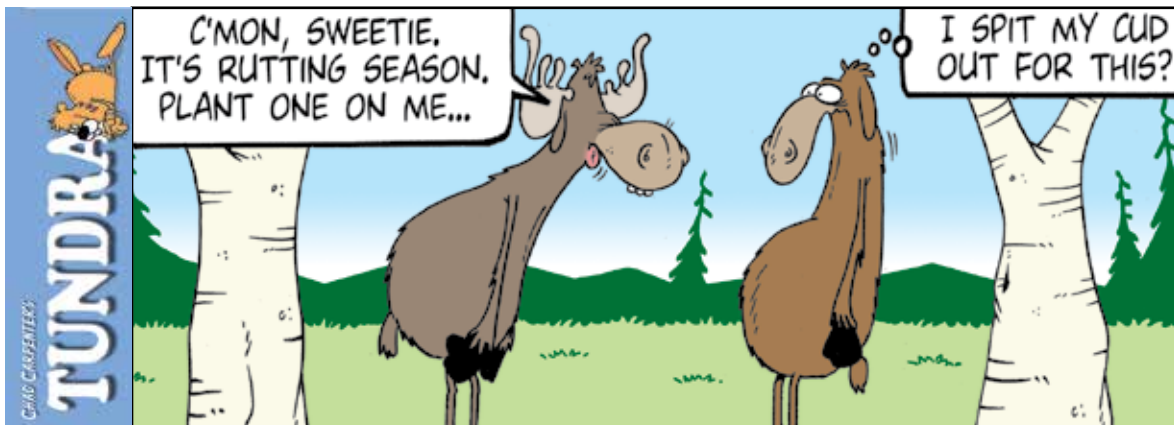
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Fall Quaker Yard Sale

The annual Fall Quaker Yard Sale will be held from 8:30 am - noon on Saturday, **October 17** at the Mattapoissett Friends Meeting, 103 Marion Road (Rte. 6).

All proceeds from this sale will be added to the 1827 Meeting House Restoration Fund.

The architect's estimate for the work is \$245,000. To date, the meeting has raised \$95,000 and the town of Mattapoissett has contributed \$80,000 from its Community Preservation Fund.

The project is expected to get underway soon. Donations of items for the sale, from single to multiple gifts, can be made by calling 508-758-3579. No large pieces of furniture, appliances or electronics can be accepted.

Outdoor space is available to the general public for \$10. Call Alan Harris at 508-748-0098 by October 15 if interested.

The Friends still have to raise \$70,000 to complete the work. Gift certificates from area businesses, cash or checks, or donations of securities, books, coin and stamp collections, would be most welcome.

Join the Kitties for Oktopurrfest

It's All About the Animals will host Oktopurrfest, a free, fun-filled celebration for pet lovers of all ages, on **October 18** from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm on the shelter grounds located at 103 Marion Road, Rochester.

"Autumn is a beautiful time of year on the South Coast and offers the 'purrfect' opportunity for shelter friends both old and new to visit the facility and meet our feline residents," says Pam Robinson, shelter founder. "You just might leave with four paws wrapped around your heart."

The event will include a wide array of raffles and more than 20 vendors featuring gifts and services for cats, dogs and their human friends. Tours of the modern, well-equipped facility will be offered. More than 50 beautiful shelter cats, all hoping to be adopted by a loving forever home, will serve as goodwill ambassadors and happily greet guests.

Vendors will include dog trainers, canine bakeries, groomers and masseurs specializing in massages for animals and their owners. Representatives of several local shelters will be available to discuss their adoption programs.

"Please come dressed as your favorite character," Robinson continues, adding that the celebration will also include a children's costume contest and a pumpkin decorating competition. Guests can bring their own pumpkin or purchase one at the event.

Light refreshments will be sold. Visitors are advised not to bring pets. For more information, e-mail ohnokitty1@gmail.com or call 508-763-2035.

Super Spooky, Extra Scary Halloween Event

The Sippican Lands Trust is planning a super spooky, extra scary Halloween event for kids 8 years and older on Friday, **October 30** beginning at 5:00 pm. Renowned scary storyteller David Mello will be featured as we walk through Aucoot Woods, property managed together by the Sippican Lands Trust and the Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee (MOSAC). More information to come.

Founded in 1974, the Sippican Lands Trust strives to acquire, protect and maintain natural areas in Marion. Its purpose is to conserve land, protect habitat and offer public access to the beautiful protected lands of our town. Currently, its main focus is to develop more events and

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Marion Congregational Church Organ Recital

Following the success of its organ recital in June, the First Congregational Church in Marion, Massachusetts, will present a Mini-Organ Festival on its historic George S. Hutchings organ on two Sundays, **November 1 and 15**, at 4:00 pm.

Performing on November 1 is Christa Rakich in a program of music by Nicolaus Bruhns, J. S. Bach, and Anna Amalia, Princess of Prussia, in addition to modern works by James Woodman and Ms. Rakich herself. Flutist Wendy Rolfe will be featured as soloist in the Bach and Amalia.

In addition to works by J. S. Bach, Steven Young will perform music of Vincent Lübeck, Henry M. Dunham, William Bolcom, and John Knowles Paine on November 15.

The First Congregational Church in Marion was built in 1841. In 1884, with support from local philanthropist Elizabeth Taber, a new mechanical-action organ by George S. Hutchings was installed. Hutchings was prominent among American organ builders and built organs for the old Boston Music Hall, the Old South Church, and Symphony Hall.

Tickets for the recitals at \$10 may be purchased at The Bookstall on Front Street in Marion and at the door. For more information and reservations, call 508-748-2067. The First Congregational Church, located at 28 Main Street at the corner of Front and Main in Marion, is handicapped accessible.

Concert and recording artist Christa Rakich is artist-in-residence at the First Congregational Church in Somers, Connecticut. A prizewinner at international

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organ competitions, Rakich has received acclaim for her interpretations of the music of J.S. Bach. She concertizes widely throughout the U.S. and will have just returned from Europe, where she played in Alsace, Germany, and Holland. As a Fulbright Scholar, Christa Rakich studied for two years with Anton Heiller at the Hochschule für Musik in Vienna, Austria. She holds degrees from Oberlin College and New England Conservatory and has served on the faculties of Westminster Choir College, Brandeis University, New England Conservatory, and the University of Connecticut. At Harvard, she was Assistant University Organist in Memorial Church.

Salty's Silvery Moon Soiree

Salty the Seahorse and the Mattapoisett Land Trust once again wish to invite children of all ages to join us for what has become a fall tradition of fun in the firelight on Saturday, **October 24** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Dunseith Gardens (Route 6 at North Street). The Land Trust will provide the cooking fires, with hay bale seating, and the ingredients for "S'mores" as well as cider as a healthy thirst quencher. Entertainment will include music and storytelling by Toby Dills. Entrance to the property will be illuminated by luminaria created by the students at Center School.

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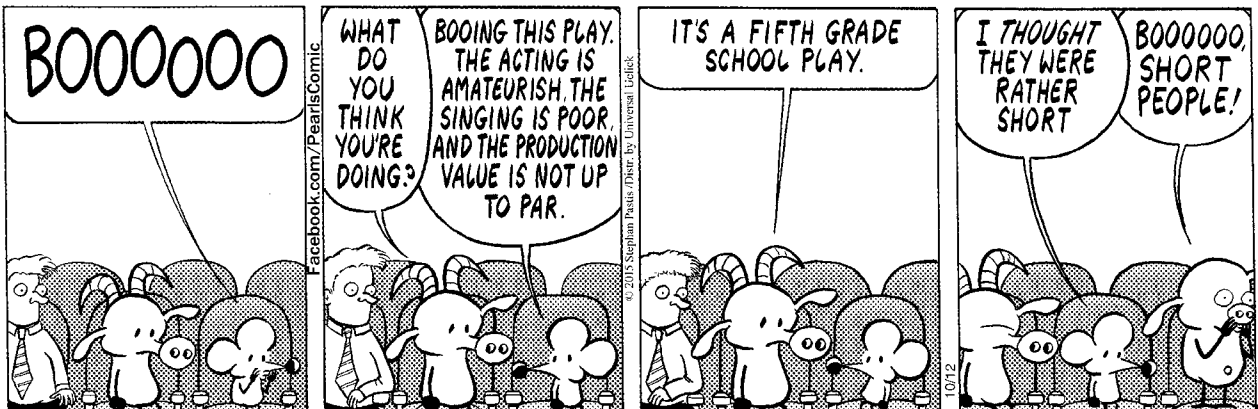
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For their October book, "Just the Facts" Nonfiction Book Discussion Group, will be reading *The American Way of Death* by Jessica Mitford. First published in 1963, this book exposed the excessive expense of funerals at the time and caused an uproar in the funeral industry. In publishing her research, Mitford felt that funeral directors preyed on the bereaving. Written with wit and wisdom, this book was a cause celebre in its time. We will discuss this book on Thursday, **October 15** at 6:30 pm. Copies are available at the desk.

The Café Parlez' selection for October is *Mrs. Poe* by Lynn Cullen. Frances Osgood, single mother in 1845 New York City, jumps at the chance to meet the famous Edgar Allan Poe, if only to help her fledgling

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The Tri-County Symphonic Band presents "October," a concert of music that reflects the various moods of autumn in our area on Sunday, **October 25** at 3:00 pm at the Fireman Center, Tabor Academy, 235 Front Street, Marion. Adults - \$15; Students - \$5; Children 12 and under - Free.

Fifth Annual Turkey Trot

The Fifth Annual Guard Oil 5K Turkey Trot hosted by Marion Recreation will be held on Sunday, **November 22** at 10:15 am. The start and finish line will be on Front Street at Tabor Academy. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit Marion Recreation programs. Sponsors are needed. Several levels of sponsorship are available. The first 300 runners who register before November 1 will receive a free T-shirt. Registration forms are available at Marion Recreation, 13 Atlantis Drive, and at the Marion Town House. Forms also may be downloaded and printed from www.marionrecreation.com. Click "Turkey Trot 2015" from the menu. For more information, visit <http://www.marionrecreation.com/turkey-trot.html>, call 774-217-8355, or email info@marionrecreation.com.



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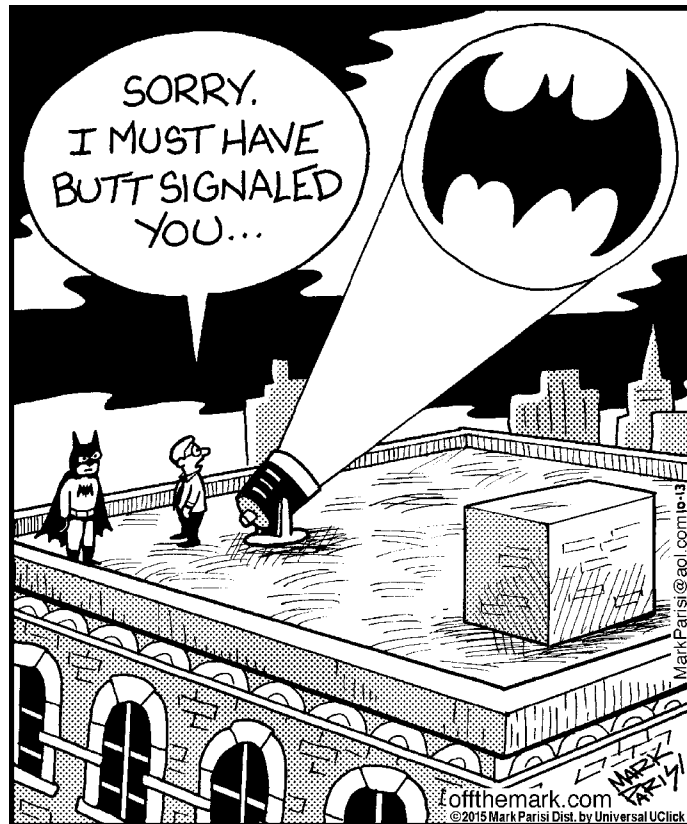
Rochester Democrats are looking for interested Democrats to serve on the Town Democratic Committee. Registered Democrats must sign the nomination paper and name will be placed on the ballot for next town election. Please call Carol St. Don at 508-763-2795 to sign up for more information.

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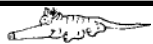
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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	October 8:	5:26	5:56	11:22	...
Friday	October 9:	6:17	6:42	12:02	12:06
Saturday	October 10:	7:01	7:21	12:24	12:32
Sunday	October 11:	7:39	7:57	12:50	1:09
Monday	October 12:	8:15	8:31	1:21	1:48
Tuesday	October 13:	8:49	9:04	1:54	2:28
Wednesday	October 14:	9:22	9:39	2:29	3:06
Thursday	October 15:	9:57	10:16	3:04	3:43
Friday	October 16:	10:34	10:57	3:39	4:18
Saturday	October 17:	11:15	11:43	4:14	4:54
Sunday	October 18:	...	12:03	4:52	5:35
Monday	October 19:	12:34	12:56	5:36	6:26
Tuesday	October 20:	1:28	1:52	6:31	7:32
Wednesday	October 21:	2:25	2:50	7:42	8:49
Thursday	October 22:	3:24	3:52	9:04	9:59
Friday	October 23:	4:27	4:57	10:23	10:54
Saturday	October 24:	5:29	5:58	11:28	11:42
Sunday	October 25:	6:27	6:53	...	12:23
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter		October 20th	
		Full Moon		October 27th	
		Last Quarter		November 3rd	
		New Moon		November 11th	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the October 8, 2015 issue the Aardvark was on page 44!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

REDSEAL	SPATUBS	OSCAR
ADEPTLY	HEBRAIC	PLANE
DUDEOF	DINBURGH	PARKA
OCEAN	CANOE	UTOPIAS
NEER	SIX	STRAPLESS
DEF	FATLIP	SEZME
ATRIFLE	ITSPAT	PRE
GOESFOR	BLOKE	RATSBANE
OMAHA	LOGISTIC	SCAT
DEF	BIGOT	LOOTODEATH
FELLOW	CLOSE	BEHIND
IFIFELL	AUD	TERMS
KARL	DARNGOOD	TIMER
EMMANUEL	GENTS	SPLICING
TOR	PRESTO	SELECTS
SHAMACHO	EASELS	
TORTILL	LACHAP	WTS
JIMMENSE	ABASE	LORRE
TBONE	ANNIEGET	YOURGUY
CRUSE	TACKLER	OUTMODE
HERES	SHOULDA	WRESTED

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Berate; 2. Scrawl;
3. Inane; 4. Spared

Today's Word
BETWEEN

Sudoku Answer

3	2	9	6	8	1	7	4	5
8	7	1	5	2	4	3	6	9
6	4	5	9	3	7	1	2	8
1	9	6	4	7	5	2	8	3
5	3	2	1	9	8	4	7	6
4	8	7	2	6	3	9	5	1
7	1	4	3	5	6	8	9	2
9	6	3	8	4	2	5	1	7
2	5	8	7	1	9	6	3	4

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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